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HOMES & Gardens

Vale Show curtain-raiser dinner gives local charities a helping hand
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Vale Show draws the crowds to Fonmon

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ABOVE: Early arrivals at yesterday's Vale Show were looking forward to enjoying a great day out. However, on the horizon some dark clouds were looming, and there were some short, sharp showers in the morning. However, as the GEM went to press, it was looking good for the rest of the day with only occasional heavy showers!

Cowbridge Rotary Club recently presented Citizenship and Endeavour awards to pupils from Cowbridge Comprehensive (left to right): Ruby Owen (Citizenship), Evie Clarke (Endeavour), James Morgan (Citizenship), Tom Brennan (Citizenship), Lowri Parsons (Endeavour) and Maddaliese Tiessen (Endeavour). For full details, see page 6.

Local pubs to throw their weight behind beach clean day

TWO Cowbridge public houses will be supporting a beach clean at Ogmore-by-Sea later this month, on Sunday, August 26.

The beach clean is open to all local residents and is being organised by Velindre Cancer Care and Keep Wales Tidy.

The aim is to both clean up the coastline and raise cash for Velindre.

Organiser Gareth Petty said that the event should be a full day out and very worthwhile.

Those taking part will be meeting at Ogmore-by-Sea at 10.30 am, and will be busy over the morning.

At 2pm, all will be welcome at the Horse and Groom for refreshments, and the day will start up again at The Edmondes Arms at 6pm, where there will be live music, an auction, a barbecue and a raffle all in aid of Velindre.

See next week's GEM for full details.

Council's Twt Park concerns

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Council are to monitor the safety of Twt Park more frequently, after bottles were broken near the children's playground.

A spokeswoman said: "Members of council are very concerned about the irresponsible anti-social impact of such behaviour, especially in an area where young children will be playing.

"Council staff were very quick to remove the glass and the area will be monitored regularly now to try to prevent any further occurrences.

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Family of VC recipient sought

DURING the Great War 1914-1919, two men from Penarth were awarded posthumous Victoria Crosses.

Captain Richard Wain was 20 when he was killed during the Battle of Cambrai on November 20, 1917, while leading a section of tanks in action against strong point.

According to his citation, his tank was disabled, and Capt Wain, though severely wounded, dismounted, took a Lewis gun, and captured the strong point. He then continued firing with rifle at the enemy until he received a fatal shot to the head.

Capt Wain, of 25th Battalion Manchester Regiment, attached to A Battalion Tank Corps, is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, which is under the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWCG).

Serjeant Samuel Pearse, already a recipient of the Military Medal, was 22 when he fell on August 29, 1919, while taking an enemy blockhouse in northern Russia.

According to his citation, Sjt Pearse, under very heavy fire, cut through barbed wire, charged the blockhouse single-handed and attacked it with bombs (grenades), killing the enemy.

He was killed immediately afterwards, but his actions resulted in few British casualties while taking the objective.

Sjt Pearse is buried in Obozerskaya Burial Ground, but his grave is no longer marked. He is commemorated on the memorial at the CWGC Archangel Allied Cemetery.

As part of an initiative by the Department for Communities in London, I have managed to obtain two commemorative stones – one for each man – which will be unveiled in the Garden of Remembrance in Penarth on Friday, November 9 at 11am.

The ceremony is open to all to attend but while I have been able to invite members of Capt. Wain's family to the event, I have been unable to locate any descendants of Sjt Pearse, of the 45th Battalion Royal Fusiliers,who was born in Arcot Street in Penarth.

If any reader is able to put me in touch with Sjt Pearse's relatives so I can invite them to the event, I should be very grateful. My mobile is 07708 255295 and my email is ninian27@btinternet.com.

Dr Jonathan Hicks

Readers' Letters

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'What is happening with White Farm?'

I WISH to highlight the awful state of the White Farm park and surrounding area.

What should be a lovely green space for residents to enjoy has been allowed to grow wild, making it not just unsightly, but also hazardous.

During this dry spell of weather, we've seen numerous incidents of grass fires, both locally and nationally and the people living around the park that I have spoken to are growing increasingly concerned of the potential risk of a grass fire in White Farm.

Fire is not the only risk for people living in Whitewell Road. The sheer height of the grass is also making it a hazard for drivers, who have difficulty seeing oncoming traffic or pedestrians when approaching the bends in the road.

The state of the park is part of a wider and ongoing issue associated with the White Farm development, where the roads and open spaces have still to be adopted by the Vale Council due to a dispute between the council and the developer, Persimmon Homes.

Clearly the state of the already crumbling and sinking roads and pathways is unacceptable and is one of a number of issues, including defective lighting, fencing and a lack of road signs.

While it is Persimmon's responsibility to put things right, the Conservative-led council should be ensuring Persimmon carry out the remedial work but so far this isn't happening, with residents of White Farm caught in the middle.

Instead, Persimmon continue to be granted approval by the council for further developments in the Vale. Surely rectifying the defects at White Farm come before more development approvals? This would certainly focus minds at Persimmon.

It was of course a different story leading up to the local elections. At the time, Conservative candidates for Dyfan ward, Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands were keen to fight for the residents, calling for bins in White Farm Park to be reinstalled after they were removed by Persimmon, while also claiming it was "time for the council to adopt White Farm."

Well, despite both candidates being elected and the Conservatives leading the council for over a year now, nothing has changed for the residents at White Farm.

A White,
Dyfan ward resident.

'Transgender toolkit effectively advises teachers to ignore law'

WHY does the Vale Council persist with its 'transgender toolkit' for schools (The GEM, August 2) when the the UK Government has just rejected changing the Gender Recognition Act to cover children?

The UK Government decided in June to keep the age limits of 18 for surgery and 16 for hormone treatment. They rejected pressure from transgender extremists to change these, pointing out that 'gender questioning' kids may well grow out of it.

The 'gender questioning' children covered by the toolkit need teaching their feelings and worries about their body's changes are a natural part of puberty; they'll grow through them and decide their sexual orientation later. But the toolkit makes a big thing of it and wants schools to abandon division by, for example, sex of loos, changing rooms, or sports teams.

The age-limit decision should block the fashion promoted by social media and magazines on youngsters to choose 'trans'. It knocks away the basis for the Vale's transgender toolkit.

Particular advice in the toolkit is bad, in that it wants teachers to collude with self-harm like breast-binding in girls. My questioning this at full council on July 18 received the answer that breast-binding as a cultural practice is a "safeguarding issue", but "not necessarily" if for a transgender child.

How does this work, when government and the NHS rightly say that the Gender Recognition Act does not, and will not, apply to under 16s?

The toolkit's advice to teachers is, in effect, ignore the law and don't inform parents and social-medical services of the breast-binding likely to cause serious harm, in cases where the 10-12 year-old girl wants confidentiality.

The Vale Council's toolkit further advises parents to use 'Mermaids', a group who was exposed by the Sunday Times as advertising an overseas doctor for 'puberty blocker' tablets.

The founder of Mermaids took her own under-age son to Thailand for a sex-change operation that is illegal here, yet the toolkit recommends 'Mermaids' as a suitable organisation to advise local teachers and parents.

The Vale Council's all-male Cabinet refused to consult parents and teachers over the draft toolkit. They have failed to amend it to take on-board criticisms and to include the new documents supporting the Westminster government policy of excluding children.

With Westminster's rejection of the transgender extremist line, does the Vale Council have to be taken to Court to stop its dangerous guidance, as parents are doing in Scotland?

Anne Greagsby,
Penarth.

'Property development policy is dictatorship'

IT is appalling that the hundreds of us who have tried over recent years to halt the unnecessary development in the rural Vale, continue to be ignored.

The Darren Farm site going to place intolerable pressures on the infrastructure for which there appears to be no plans in place to deal with, and the development is going to dominate the western side of Cowbridge.

This politically-motivated and conceptually flawed policy is even more disgraceful, when all of the area's medium-term housing needs could have been accommodated on brownfield land at the old Llandow airfield.

This is not the loss of democracy which L S Hammond fears, it is dictatorship.

Good luck to the Cowbridge and Llanblethian 'community engagement day' initiative. It has no chance of dealing with people's major concerns in such an environment.

Peter Graham-Woollard, Colwinston.

No mod cons

IN response to Anthony Atkins, in owning a modified car myself with a custom exhaust, I can happily respond to you that the cars with loud exhausts, which are lowered and have stuff that you wouldn't normally see on a stock car from a dealer, are almost always in better condition than the rubbish you see on the roads.

As car enthusiasts, we go by a motto of 'maintenance before modifications'.

These cars are our pride and joys, not an A-to-B vehicle.

The cars legally pass their MoT despite having the modifications, and being declared to the insurance companies.

Modifications such as an exhaust can easily cost over £500 for a professional to make and fit, and a good set of wheels can easily go into the thousands before putting tyres on.

Is it more money than sense? Maybe, but this is our hobby and we shouldn't have to do anything different as long as we are road legal and not breaking the law.

John Cunliffe, St Athan.

New link in Friendship project

WE have a new 'Friendship bench' at the Knap Gardens, Barry.

It is another community focused art project that links up the Friendship Tree and other sculptures in the park.

It was painted on the UN's International Friendship Day on July 30, and links our community with a global view of peace and friendship.

The project was a supported one and I would like to thank the Knap Community Action Group, Vale Council and Ask Frank signs for their help.

We will also be running a UK first event (as far as we know) from it on Saturday, August 11 from 11am. It is called 'Artist On a Bench'.

Glyn Pooley, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
09 Thur	05.09	8.8	17.37	9.2
10 Fri	06.12	9.4	18.36	9.8
11 Sat	07.04	9.9	19.29	10.3
12 Sun	07.57	10.4	20.18	10.6
13 Mon	08.43	10.5	20.59	10.6
14 Tues	09.27	10.4	21.48	10.3
15 Wed	10.09	10.1	22.29	10.0
16 Thur	10.53	9.7	23.12	9.6

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Another busy month for the town's mayor

by Cllr Terry Williams, Mayor of Cowbridge

JULY proved to be another busy month: the Mayoress and I hosted three charity fundraising functions, an evening buffet for local choir Meibion y Machlud, a lunch for senior citizens with entertainment from year-3 at Y Bontfaen Primary singing songs from *Mary Poppins* and lastly, a well-attended coffee morning in the Lesser Hall.

The Mayoress and I attended the Churches Together in Cowbridge and District's annual leaver's service at Cowbridge United Free Church and presented the children with 'Moving On' booklets. We presented the Beavers with their achievement badges and bronze awards.

We attended the Civic Service for The Mayor of Llantwit Major and also attended a concert by the St Donat's Chorale. We very much enjoyed the annual Cowbridge Male Voice Choir concert while the Deputy Mayor attended a concert by the Ogwr Choir in Tondu.

On July 29 it was a privilege to be part of the RAF St Athan Freedom Parade. In atrocious weather conditions the participants including the, band, service men and women cadets, and veterans did Cowbridge proud. I would like to thank the staff at the Town Hall and Holy Cross Church for their efforts in organising this event.

As a council we would like to hear your views and opinions. We want to know what you think should be the priorities for your town and community. On Saturday, August 18 there will be a drop-in session at the Lesser Hall. This is an opportunity for you to meet councillors and to tell us your views, thoughts and concerns about the future of our community.

We want to know what you think. So, just drop in and have a chat on the 18th between 11am and 1 pm.

The next mayor's coffee morning will be on Saturday, October 6 in the Lesser Hall. Come and join us.

BU mis Gorffennaf yn fis prysur arall: Cynhaliodd y Faeres a minnau dri digwyddiad i godi elusennau, bwffe gyda'r nos i'r côr lleol Meibion y Machlud, cinio i'r henoed gydag adloniant flwyddyn 3 o ysgol gynradd y Bontfaen yn canu caneuon o *Mary Poppins* ac yn olaf, bore coffi a fynychwyd yn dda yn y neuadd leiaf.

Bu'r Faeres a minnau yn bresennol yng ngwasanaeth blynyddol a drefnwyd gan yr eglwysi ynghyd ar gyfer ymadawyr ysgolion cynradd y Bont-faen a'r cylch yn Eglwys Unedig y Bontfaen ac yn cyflwyno llyfrynnau 'Symud Ymlaen 'i'r plant. Cyflwynon i'r Beavers eu bathodynnau cyflawniad a'u Gwobrau Efydd.

Buom yn bresennol yn y gwasanaeth dinesig ar gyfer maer Llanilltud Fawr a mynychais gyngerdd gan Corawl St Donats. Mwynhawyd yn fawr iawn cyngerdd blynyddol Côr Meibion y Bontfaen, tra Mynychodd y Dirprwy Faer gyngerdd gan gôr Ogwr yn Tondu.

Ar ddydd Sul 29fed roedd yn fraint cael bod yn rhan o gorymdaith i ddathlu rhyddid y dre i'r Awyrlu yn Sain Tathan a hefyd canmlwyddiant yr Awyrlu. Mewn amodau a Tywydd erchyll Roedd y cyfranogwyr i gyd gan gynnwys y, band, awyrenwyr a menywod, chadetiaid, a chyn-filwyr gorymdaith dda i'r dref. Hoffwn ddiolch i staff neuadd y dref ac Eglwys y Groes Sanctaidd am eu hymdrechion i drefnu'r digwyddiad hwn.

Fel Cyngor, hoffem glywed eich barn a'ch safbwyntiau. Rydym am wybod beth, yn eich barn chi, ddylai fod y blaenoriaethau ar gyfer eich tref a'ch cymuned. Ar ddydd Sadwrn 18awst bydd sesiwn galw heibio yn y Neuadd Lai. Dyma gyfle i chi gwrdd â chynghorwyr a rhoi eich barn, eich meddyliau a'ch pryderon am ddyfodol ein cymuned.

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Cowbridge and Llanblethian Women's Fellowship meet up

WE take our obligations seriously as you would expect from a Women's Fellowship Group.

However, that does not mean that we don't make every effort to turn obligations (like the annual AGM) into something more sociable and fun.

That is exactly what happened again this year.

Our chairlady, secretary and treasurer gave their reports. These provided us with an opportunity to look back on the very enjoyable activities and events we all shared together throughout the year.

It says something for our group that none of the committee members wanted to stand down. They were unanimously elected into post for the next 12 months. Ideas from the members were noted and will be acted upon.

Then on to the main event: our Fellowship summer supper.

There was good company, good food plus the AGM got done. All in all, a very pleasant evening spent enjoying one another's company at the church hall in Llanblethian.

The next meeting of the Fellowship Group will be held in the church hall, Llanblethian on Thursday, September 1 at 7.30pm.

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A new (retail) face in town

Aimee Richardson in Barking Mad.

THERE has been a new face in Cowbridge retail since last Thursday (August 2) when Barking Mad opened its doors for the first time.

Aimee Richardson is the owner – a local girl who grew up in Llandough village and who went to Cowbridge Comprehensive.

Aimee spent time last year doing market research in the town and, after much positive feedback, she believes that there is a market in the town for doggie food and accessories that you won't find in the chainstores.

Barking Mad is in Eastgate, next door to the Cats Adoption Centre shop.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

News and views from Nancy Davidge, Tynewydd, Llangan. (01656) 860303

Saron Chapel, Treoes

THE deacons, trustees and management committee of Saron Chapel offer a warm welcome to everyone to visit Saron on Saturday, August 11 between 10am and 2pm.

Walk around and see for yourself the renovated chapel.

If you would like to know more about the history of the chapel, also the history of the village of Treoes, go to friendsofsarontreoes.

Llangan village dog show

THE dog show will take place, once again, in Llangan on Saturday, August 11 beginning at 2pm.

Please bring water and containers for your doggy friends.

There will be tea and coffee for humans.

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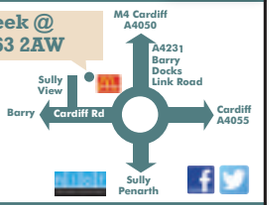

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Vale Show dinner is a curtain raiser and also a time to celebrate charities

ABOVE: Abi reader with her Jenny Lambert painting.

ABOVE: the team who prepared the dinner.

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THE Vale Show dinner is the traditional curtain-raiser to the Vale Show, but it also has a charitable purpose.

In a giant marquee at the Vale showground, around 300 diners gathered to talk about the forthcoming show.

However, five charities each received a cheque for £1,000, the proceeds of the dinner.

The NFU Cymru county chairman, Gwyn Thomas, presented the cheques to:

• Ed Lucas of 'My MS, My Rights, My Choices' – a free and confidential support service for people with MS in Wales.

• Sue Evans of the Ed Evans Foundation, the well-known Vale charity.

• Angela Reynolds of Ysgol y Deri, the special school in Sully.

• Richard Isaac of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

• Julian Kelly, an Ambassador for Velindre Fundraising, who is organising the West Coast Bike Ride this year.

A team of farmers' wives prepared the food for the evening, and young farmers ferried guests back and fore on a fleet of golf buggies.

There was a special presentation to Abi Reader, of Goldsland farm, Wenvoe, who has just been appointed to the NFU's national dairy board.

She was presented with a painting by Jenny Lambert which, as the picture shows, had a dairy farming theme.

ABOVE: There was chauffeur service in a golf buggy!

County chairman Gwyn Thomas with Sue Evans.

Julian Kelly.

Richard Isaac.

Angela Reynolds.

Ed Lucas.

'Boy racers are a menace' says cyclist

A BARRY man has warned fellow cyclists to 'dismount and get onto the pavement' if they hear the roar of a 'boy racer' approaching from his rear.

Speaking to The GEM, Douglas Jones claims he was knocked off his bike on Gladstone Bridge (near Morrisons supermarket) on June 24, an incident that has been reported to the police.

Mr Jones was on his way to visit his niece on the Waterfront and had cycled down Gladstone Road, gone over the roundabout and was heading over the bridge.

There was no traffic around so he prepared to cross over to the cycle way on the other side of the road.

"I was coming to the brow of the hill and preparing to turn onto the cycle path at the pedestrian crossing.

"I then heard a car behind me accelerate.

"I immediately thought my life was in danger and tried to jump out of the way.

"A black VW Golf knocked me off and carried on driving.

"I suffered a broken shoulder, bruising to the ribs, internal injuries and a bruised right knee."

Mr Jones reported the matter to the police as a 'hit and run' and when CCTV was checked the staff were able to spot him in the area, but not the Golf.

He said he wanted to look at the CCTV images but understands only the police can view it.

Mr Jones says he feels "...lucky to be alive", adding that boy racers have "...been a menace at the Waterfront area for years".

A police spokeswoman said: "We are investigating a collision involving a cyclist and a car, which occurred on Gladstone Bridge, Barry, on June 24 at around 7.15pm.

"A black car is reported to have been in collision with the cyclist before the driver left the scene.

"Anyone who witnessed the incident or who has any information is asked to call 101 quoting 1800230792 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

TIM CHAPMAN

Llanblethian gets its own cider apple variety

AN old cider apple tree growing in Piccadilly, Llanblethian has been found to be a completely unique variety.

The Welsh Perry and Cider Society with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund are running a two year project to identify and propagate all the unique Welsh apple and pear varieties for future generations as well as record the tradition of cider making in Wales.

A local cider maker – Llanblethian Orchards – has had a sprawling old apple tree growing in their orchard at the foot of Mount Ida, Llanblethian genetically tested by the Welsh Perry and Cider Society.

It has been shown to be completely unique. The variety is now being grafted up by the society for posterity and will be entered into a national fruit database under the name 'Piccadilly'.

Alex Simmens, owner of Llanblethian Orchards, said: "This is terrific news. We use Piccadilly in our award-winning May Day sweet cider and have always considered it one of the 'secret weapons' in our cider blends. To think it's a completely unique variety is incredible."

He added: "As Cowbridge and Llanblethian have grown a number of orchards have been lost over the years, often remembered in the house names that replaced them. Older residents also remark about an orchard that used to exist where the Verlands housing estate was. Perhaps this tree is a link to that earlier era, I wonder what their cider used to taste like!"

Llanblethian Orchards is just outside of Llanblethian in an old stone barn between Llanblethian and Llysworney. Their ciders are available in pubs and festivals around Cardiff and south Wales.

They also host monthly open days at the barn where you can sample their ciders and perries, learn about how they are made and enjoy pizzas from their traditional brick wood-fired pizza oven.

The next open day is Saturday, August 18 from 12pm-8pm at The Cider Barn, Crossways, Cowbridge (CF71 7LJ). Full details are available on their Facebook account and website *llancider.wales*.

The Welsh Perry and Cider Society is a not-for-profit limited company representing the majority of cider makers in Wales. It was founded in 2001 with the aim to preserve and encourage traditional cider making in Wales, as well as to find and propogate native Welsh cider and perry varieties for future generations. Their website is www.welshcider.co.uk/about-us.

Llantwit Major family desperate to find Ludo

A LLANTWIT Major family have appealed to people in the Vale and Bridgend to keep an eye out for their dog who went missing on Saturday morning, August 4.

The Bull family were away on holiday in France when they got the distressing news that three-year-old Ludo had disappeared.

By early this week they were back home and able to join friends and volunteers who had been out looking him.

Chris Bull told The GEM: "Ludo went missing from kennels in Brocastle, Bridgend on Saturday morning.

"He is a Labrador and Border Collie cross, three years old and small in stature.

"We are desperate to find our boy. He's a member of our family and we would do anything to get him back.

"We would like to thank everyone who has joined us in our search for Ludo. Unfortunately, he is still missing so we're asking everyone to keep their eyes peeled and report any possible sightings immediately."

If someone finds Ludo contact the council dog warden or the Facebook page 'Find Ludo'; the Twitter hashtag is *#findludo*. **TC**

Ludo went missing from Brocastle, Bridgend.

Group make a stand for Nature

A NEW nature conservation group is about to be launched dedicated to protecting and increasing the amount of green spaces and wildlife in the town of Barry and its surrounding areas.

The group will combine campaigning and voluntary action and will be the first Barry-wide dedicated wildlife conservation group.

The group will be strictly non-political, and its sole aim will be the protection and conservation of nature in the Barry and district area. They will hold monthly action events where volunteers will erect nest/bat boxes, plant trees, report wildlife crime, carry out bio-blitzes and community litter picks.

They will also aim to hold local, regional and national government to account for their actions locally concerning nature. They hope to work with the local councils in order to make Barry a greener place and to benefit both local wildlife and residents. Annual membership will be £3.

Welsh naturalist and *Spring Watch* co-presenter Iolo Williams has agreed to speak at the launch event.

The official launch of Barry Action for Nature will take place on Friday, August 17, at the Forest Lodge, Porthkerry Park, Barry, starting at 11am. Tickets are free and will be available for all those interested in joining the group but space will be limited, so telephone 01446 736287 or 07855 329942 for tickets.

The founder of Barry Action for Nature, Rob Curtis, said: "News reports are all telling us how desperate the situation has become for our Welsh wildlife. I hope the people of Barry will now do their bit to stand up for nature by joining this vital conservation group centered on one of Wales' largest towns.

"I am really honoured that Iolo Williams has agreed to speak at the launch. He is one of the most well-known and dedicated ambassadors for Welsh wildlife."

ROB CURTIS

'Ringing Remembers' will mark war centenary

BELL ringing is a part of our Christian heritage and a new campaign has been launched to recruit as many new bell ringers as lost their lives in the First World War – 1,400.

One new bell ringer at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major is Rachel Pearce (37) who explained: "My mum was a bell ringer and asked me to have a go.

"I started learning in September last year. It is harder than you might think it would be. You are taught in stages.

"I started being able to operate independently a couple of months ago which is considered quick progress."

In total there are five new bell ringers in Llantwit Major – thanks to the national campaign 'Ringing Remembers' and details Rachel put up on Facebook about the recruitment campaign.

The learners will join more experienced ringers across the country to ring on November 11, 2018 to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Rachel added: "I think that nationwide 1,300 people have now registered. One of the 'Archers' (on Radio 4) has registered too!"

The official Ringing Remembers website is: www.big-ideas.org/project/ringing-remembers/. If anyone is interested in learning to ring and becoming a part of the historic centenary moment in Llantwit Major they can contact David Bounds on lmbeneficebells@gmail.com.

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Have your say in Cowbridge

AS reported in last week's GEM, Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council will be holding a 'community engagement day' on Saturday, August 18, 11am to 1pm in the Lesser Hall.

Town Clerk Ceri Anderson told The GEM that residents could raise any subject at all, and put forward any ideas they had about what the town council can do to make a difference.

She said: "I know other town councils have done similar exercises, and it is a good way of finding out what is really important to people."

She aded: "If people are unable to attend, they should write to the council at the Town Hall with any suggestions, concerns or ideas they may have."

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(B4265 FFORDD OSGOI LLANILLTUD FAWR, LLANILLTUD FAWR)
(CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30MYA) (DROS DRO) 2018

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio'n gyflymach na 30 milltir yr awr rhwng y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod:

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Y rhan o'r B4265 Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr o'r gyffordd â Goleuadau Traffig Eglwys Brewis / Trebefered i Oleuadau Traffig Llanmaes Road.
Rheswm	Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gwaith ar gyffordd newydd.
Hyd	O 06.00 ar 20 Awst 2018 am hyd at 18 mis.

Dyddiedig 9 Awst 2018

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(B4265 LLANTWIT MAJOR BYPASS, LLANTWIT MAJOR)
(30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order, the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour between the locations specified in Schedule 2 below:

SCHEDULE 2

Location	The section of B4265 Llantwit Major Bypass from its junction with Eglwys Brewis / Boverton Traffic Lights to Llanmaes Road Traffic Lights.
Reason	The restriction is being implemented to allow new junction works to take place.
Duration	From 06.00 Hours on 20th August 2018 a maximum period of 18 months.

Dated this 9th day of August 2018

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Quarry Road,Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.

Cowbridge Rotarians inspired by young talent

Edward John and Rachel Hardy, Y Bont Faen Primary School, were awarded Young Citizen Awards for their 'Responsible behaviour, helpfulness and concern for others'.

Vale primary school teams competing in the seven-a-side football competition, St Brides, Llansannor Church in Wales, Y Bont Faen, Llangan and St David's School, Colwinston.

Jocelyn Fenner, Llansannor Church in Wales Primary School, was awarded a Young Citizen Award for her fantastic work with Riding with the Disabled.

TALENTED young football players, green-fingered gardeners and inspirational leaders of the future in the Vale have been capturing attention and collecting awards, thanks to the support of Cowbridge Rotary's Citizenship and Achievement in Schools initiative.

Kicking off with an exciting schools' seven-a-side football tournament played, courtesy of Cowbridge Comprehensive School, on an all-weather pitch put to the test on one of the hottest days' of the summer, five teams from Vale schools displayed some very impressive soccer skills as they challenged for the accolade of '2018 Seven-a-Side Champions'.

The tournament, co-ordinated by Rotarian Paul Tromans, was won by St Brides Primary School 2-0 on penalties after a nail-biting 0-0 draw at full time with St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston.

Rotary president Michael Long said: "This was a great event. We were all very impressed by the standard of footballing skills the youngsters displayed, not to mention their competitive spirit and fantastic team camaraderie.

"Such was the success that we are hoping to build on the event and are keen to encourage more Vale schools to take part next year.

"Special thanks to teacher Sam Bragg from St Brides Primary School, for organising the tournament, Cowbridge Waitrose for donating water and Cowbridge Comprehensive School for allowing the use of their fantastic facilities, which allowed many of these youngsters to experience playing on a professional all-weather pitch for the first time."

The excitement and energy of the football tournament was matched only by the notable gardening skills displayed by two school groups, whose ability to fashion a cornucopia of colour and greenery impressed the Cowbridge Rotary judges, who were joined in the judging by gardening expert Mary Wallis.

The Best Garden Competition was won by St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School for a achieving a well-established flower and vegetable garden in containers for each class from year-2 upwards. It was noted the children were very knowledgeable about plants, as well as the need for insects for pollination.

Second prize in the competition was awarded to Llansannor Church in Wales Primary School for the best planning and development of a garden in difficult terrain, having had to start from scratch in an area of long grass and bracken.

The children were very enthusiastic and demonstrated the enormous amount of planning that had been put into the five themed garden areas.

The Cowbridge Rotary Young Citizens initiative is designed to recognise young people who have made a positive contribution to their schools or communities, shown exceptional endeavour or demonstrated outstanding leadership behaviour and compassion in supporting other pupils and staff.

The winners are chosen by teaching staff and the headteacher of their schools.

Michael Long said: "It has been truly amazing and inspirational to meet these youngsters and to hear the individual stories of the winners.

"What these, and all the youngsters who took part in the competitions and initiatives, have achieved is not only a tribute to the students, but also the parents and teachers who, while already supporting a busy curriculum, have taken the time to encourage them to go the extra mile and work towards the awards they have achieved.

"Cowbridge Rotary is involved in such a wide range of activities in supporting the community, environment and charities and it rarely gets better than working with inspiring young people who are our future.

"I hope even more youngsters and schools will get involved in these events next year."

Interested in finding out more about Cowbridge Rotary? Information leaflets are available from Reception at the Bear Hotel; visit www.cowbridgerotary.club or call secretary Michael Macphail on 01446 774704.

Llansannor Church in Wales Primary School was awarded second prize for the best 'planning and development' of a garden in difficult terrain.

Isla Turner of Llangan Primary School was awarded for 'Her willingness to help anyone in any way.'

Morgan Rideout, St Brides Primary School, who was awarded a Young Citizen for being an 'excellent role model for younger children and an exemplary ambassador for the school.'

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Barry grandmother jailed for shoplifting

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A SERIAL shoplifter from Barry has been jailed for 16 months.

Nicola Robson, a 40-year-old grandmother was said by prosecutor Rosamund Rutter at Cardiff Crown Court to have stolen goods including food and drink worth £3,400.

Ms Rutter said that such was the seriousness of her crimes in the past over a period of 25 years, they had had an impact on local businesses.

Robson, of Narberth Court, was said to have convictions for 197 offences, 113 of them for theft.

She admitted 15 charges of shoplifting.

Judge Patrick Curran told her: "You have an absolutely appalling record of committing offences of this kind."

Ms Rutter said she stole £100 of meat from a supermarket in Culverhouse Cross last December, when she was subject to supervision. She went on to steal bottles of whisky from a store in Cardiff Bay and when challenged by the manager, she adopted an aggressive attitude.

Robson got into a nearby parked car. The manager pursued her and was dragged through the car park, later needing treatment for a head injury.

Ms Rutter said that even after being arrested in January, she went on to commit further episodes of shoplifting while on bail.

She stole whisky from a number of shops and goods from a garden centre, as well as toilet items from a budget store in Barry.

From a store in Dinas Powys, she stole food and drink, before going to Talbot Green and taking £500 worth of clothes from Marks and Spencer.

There were further thefts, she said, from a Tesco store in Penarth, a gift shop in Barry, more alcohol, perfume and razors.

Robson told the police the problem was her addiction to heroin and she was spending £30 a day on the drug.

Her counsel, Harry Baker, said there was a time when she stopped taking the drug and started again because of domestic difficulties.

Her intention was to be a positive role model for her family.

U3A holds its AGM

COWBRIDGE U3A held its 23rd Annual General Meeting on August 1 in The Bear Hotel, with around 100 members attending.

Sue Collier, the outgoing chair, thanked Pat Copley (treasurer), Pat Smith (secretary) and committee members Dafydd Evans, Pat Ryder and John Ryder, who were all standing down, for their past efforts.

The good news in the treasurer's report was that there would not be an increase in the subscription fee, which is due on September 1. The benefit to the organisation of taxpaying members choosing to Gift Aid payments was stressed; this costs the donor nothing, but is a good income source for U3A (the Exchequer pays out of monies raised through general taxation).

Valerie Monaghan was elected chair. In her acceptance speech, she thanked her predecessor for all her efforts in running Cowbridge U3A and presented her with a splendid bouquet. As well as committee members (outgoing and incoming), group leaders (past and present), the newsletter editors, the tea squad, and several other unsung helpers were all thanked for their sterling work, without which Cowbridge U3A could not function effectively.

Both Sue and Valerie had noted that for the organisation to survive, members had to become involved with running both the parent body and the constituent groups. There was still a need for two more committee members.

Ian Fraser was elected the new treasurer and Sylvia Chapman secretary (a role she has undertaken in previous years).

Newcomer Ruth Jenkins was elected as a committee member, to be joined by outgoing chair Sue Collier, who agreed to become network co-ordinator and John Andrew, who was re-elected.

After the AGM, members were able to view exhibitions representing a selection of the groups available in Cowbridge U3A. Joining one or more groups is probably the best way to meet like-minded people and form new friendships.

The Tipplers' stand proved popular (possibly because wine sampling was on offer), but the four walking groups, table tennis, history, bridge, art appreciation, craft makers, and Words for Pleasure also had displays.

The meeting concluded with a substantial afternoon tea, possibly the reason for the good turnout!

Next meeting: A talk by Dr Al Venables entitled: 'Wildlife in Antarctica', at 2pm on Wednesday, September 12 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments).

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for August 6:

First, Liam Sheridan & Glenda Roberts 65.42%; second, Mike Best & Mia Deschepper 63.64%; third David Birt & Gilly Clench 63.33%.

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Physic garden website revamped

COWBRIDGE Physic Garden has launched an updated website for the garden.

Created by Glenn Roberts and George Taylor, www.cowbridgephysicgarden.org features a What's On section, videos and an online shop, as well lots of information about the plants in the garden and copies of the members' newsletter. **PT**

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Newbold welcomes new associates to its team

NEWBOLD Solicitors is delighted to welcome Beth McAuley and Alexander Jenkins as our first intake of associates.

Both applied for promotion through our 'Pathway to Partnership' route. Members of the firm who have shown exceptional leadership skills and legal expertise, are invited to apply to be an associate.

The process is very demanding: the staff who are eligible to be our associates have to apply, and, if their applications stand out, some of the applicants will be invited to attend a gruelling three hour (individual) interview process in front of the equity partners and the accounts manager.

The process was held at the Copthorne Hotel, the partners were extremely impressed with both Beth (pictured left) and Alex (pictured right) and are very excited about working with them in the future.

They are both very talented team members, very enthusiastic and driven and will be an excellent addition to the management team here at Newbold.

Alex lives in Barry and Beth lives near our Cwmbran office. They will both be put in charge of a branch office and ensure that the office goes from strength to strength.

Client care is paramount to the firm, as well as ensuring the teams reach their full potential and grow and develop within the firm. In two years (if they continue to progress), they will be offered a partnership within the firm.

Maurice Thompson (also pictured) said: "It has always been our aim to introduce more partners to the firm, it is just difficult to make sure that the right people are offered a partnership. The firm believes that through its 'Pathway to Partnership' procedure, we will ensure that the firm benefits from only the very best managers.

We believe both Beth and Alex will help Catherine and I take the firm to the next level."

Newbold Solicitors began in 2010. It has four offices, nearly 70 staff and have been nominated for 12 awards.

This year it was winner in the Federation of Small Business Award, Conveyancing firm of the year and highly recommended Property Team UK. It is also a finalist in the Law Firm Services awards being held this autumn.

The firm is an industry leader in conveyancing and also has an exceptional housing department dealing with landlord and tenant matters; and a family department and a private client department that is rapidly expanding.

Newbold also offers other services via our property litigation department which includes disputes between neighbours, issues over access and buy to let properties.

The firm has been built on customer service and has a strong team of lawyers. It has a 5 Star (excellent) Trustpilot rating and a 98 per cent client satisfaction in an independent survey.

Newbold Solicitors can be contacted on 0333 2564270 or the Barry line is 01446 700693, or please visit the website at newboldsolicitors.com.

Vale council asks for more home library volunteers

Volunteer Kate and Veronica Oakes.

THE Vale's home library service is appealing for volunteers to reach even more people across the county.

Veronica Oakes is a regular user of the service, and volunteer Kate delivers books to Veronica's home every month.

Veronica Oakes, said: "I live in Cowbridge and have been using the home library service for two and a half years. I think it's a treat, it is fantastic. I am more or less housebound, and so the service is a great help for me."

To apply to become a volunteer you will need a valid driving licence and access to a vehicle with appropriate insurance and MoT.

All volunteers are interviewed and asked to provide references. They are CRB checked and given photo ID and in return are paid expenses at the standard mileage rate.

Contact the Vale Council for more details.

Seventy bags of rubbish picked up at Ogmore beach clean-up

SOME 101 volunteers turned up for Vale Coastal Cleanup's beach clean event at Ogmore By Sea on August 4.

Approximately 70 bags of land and marine rubbish were collected from the beach and river bank.

A spokeswoman said: "These are fantastic figures for the clean-up. We want to say an extra special 'thank you' to The Pelican, Ogmore for laying on an amazing buffet for the volunteers."

Search online for the organisation for more information.

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Improve your skills with GVS

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) offers an extensive range of training courses and briefing sessions.

Sessions are charged at very reasonable rates and those on offer at the moment include the following.

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How to use Twitter Workshop; How to help get local press publicity for small voluntary groups in the Vale; Community Fundraising.

Recruiting, Selecting and Managing Volunteers; Partnership Working – Is it for you? Data Protection.

GVS can also design courses specific to your needs and deliver them to an entire team on a mutually agreed date. If you would like to find out more about the courses we currently have available, see our website's training page – *www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training* or contact GVS on 01446 741706; enquiries@gvs.wales; www.gvs.wales.

Glamorgan Voluntary Services is the umbrella organisation representing the interests of voluntary and community organisations in the Vale.

No bum notes as pupils make grade

LOCAL music pupils have celebrated the start of the summer holidays with their A B R S M examination results.

Luke Stevens (10) received outstanding comments for his piano prep test.

Nathaniel Whiffen (13) and Honor Hopkin (11) received merits for grade 1 piano, Colm Edwards (9) passed grade 2 piano, Caity Ellis (12) received a merit for grade 3 piano, Jemima Whiffen (15) received a merit for grade 3 theory. Cormac Edwards (12) received a distinction for grade 3 piano.

For 15-year-old Jack Ollier, it was double celebrations: he passed grade 8 piano with distinction scoring exactly the same mark as he did for grade 8 clarinet last autumn.

The children study under Jo Weaving.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL • CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2018/00851/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Alteration to boundary wall up to bridge (additional works to approval 2016/00808/FUL)
Location:/Lleoliad:	Britannia House, Penny Lane, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2014/00229/EAO
Proposal:/Cynnig:	Deletion of Conditions 1 and 2, Variation of Conditions 3, 5, 19 and 20 of 2009/00946/OUT for the development of vacant land at Barry Waterfront for residential (C3), retail (A1), cafes, bars and restaurants (A3), hotel (C1), offices (B1) and community and leisure uses (D1 and D2). Development of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access including a new link road, re-grading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision at Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry
Location:/Lleoliad:	Land at Barry Waterfront, adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry

Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Land at Barry Waterfront, adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry.

I give notice that Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd, Persimmon Homes Ltd and BDW is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Deletion of Conditions 1 and 2, Variation of Conditions 3, 5, 19 and 20 of 2009/00946/OUT for the development of vacant land at Barry Waterfront for residential (C3), retail (A1), cafes, bars and restaurants (A3), hotel (C1), offices (B1) and community and leisure uses (D1 and D2). Development of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access including a new link road, re-grading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision at Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge from WPM Planning and Development, The Creative Quarter, 8A Morgan Arcade, Cardiff. CF10 1AF so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:
- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 30 August, 2018.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 30 August 2018 quoting reference 2014/00229/EAO

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Land at Barry Waterfront, adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry

Hysbysir trwy hyn Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd, Persimmon Homes Ltd and BDW n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfe Deletion of Conditions 1 and 2, Variation of Conditions 3, 5, 19 and 20 of 2009/00946/OUT for the development of vacant land at Barry Waterfront for residential (C3), retail (A1), cafes, bars and restaurants (A3), hotel (C1), offices (B1) and community and leisure uses (D1 and D2). Development of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access including a new link road, re-grading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision at Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry

Cafodd y cynnig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd brynu copïau o'r datganiad oddi wrth/o WPM Planning and Development, The Creative Quarter, 8A Morgan Arcade, Cardiff. CF10 1AF tra bydd y stoc ar gael.

Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd hefyd ddarllen copïau o'r:
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yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau rhesymau tan 30 Awst, 2018.

Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 30 August 2018 an ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod 2014/00229/EAO.

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Dated / Dyddiedig: 9 August, 2018

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Summer play schemes in the Vale

THE Vale Council has organised a programme of play schemes, sport sessions and 'family fun days' this summer.

In conjunction with a range of partners across the county, the indoor playschemes are targeted at children aged 5 -11 years old who can take part in activities such as arts and crafts, outdoor games, and sports activities.

A series of sessions are taking place in parks and open spaces, and are for both children and their families. Activities could include sports, outdoor games and den building.

A family fun day will take place at Central Park, Barry, on Friday, August 17 from 11am – 3pm.

In partnership with Dinas Powys Community Council and United Welsh Housing, the play development team will be running a programme of play activities at the following:

Wick Pavilion: Play Rangers on August 14, 21 and 28 from 2pm – 4pm.

Llantonian Hall: Playscheme until Friday, August 10 from 10am – 12pm and Get Out and Play sessions from 1pm – 3pm.

Play Ranger and Playscheme sessions across the Vale:

Barry Play Rangers - Forest Park, Salisbury Road August 16 and 23, 10am – 12pm.

Penarth Play Rangers and sports sessions, Plassey Square, August 16 and 23, 2pm – 4pm.

St Athan Playscheme, St Athan Community Centre August 20 and 22, 1pm – 3pm.

Spaces for the play sessions cannot be pre-booked but a registration form will be required to be completed on the first day of attendance.

Contact the Vale Council for more information.

Llandow charity event

A CHARITY event, including a children's disco and family barbecue, is being held at Llandow village hall on Saturday, August 18 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospital of Wales.

Games start at 4pm and the disco runs from 5pm until 7pm. There's a raffle, ice cream, soft drinks and a licensed bar. Adults £1 and children under 11 are free.

'Vale Show highlights the very best of our community'

YESTERDAY, the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show took place and I write this only days before it was due to be held, in time for the Thursday print.

Even before I've had the chance to enjoy the Vale Show, I know that it will be a major success. Each and every year, the Show brings together rural and urban communities from across the Vale and demonstrates the outstanding agricultural sector that we have locally.

I pay tribute to the hard work that goes into making it possible, with volunteers giving their time to prepare for events like the dog show, cattle show and the home produce, art competitions, to name but a few.

The Vale Show highlights the very best of our community. Last month, I attended the Royal Welsh Show and while it is Europe's greatest display of agriculture excellence, the Vale Show is very special – the best community-based show in Wales.

Locally, we show off the very best of the Vale, our excellent local produce and, above all, it's a day out that is enjoyed by everyone.

This is a perfect opportunity to recognise the hard work and contribution from those working in our local agricultural sector. While the Vale Show provides a platform to showcase our top quality farming produce and environmental attractions, it also provides me with the opportunity to engage with agricultural workers from across the Vale on a number of hot topics that the industry is currently dealing with.

I recently met with farmers, NFU and FUW representatives at the Royal Welsh Show, along with the Environment Secretary, Michael Gove, that helped us further plan for the new opportunities outside the EU.

During these conversations, the other topic of concern was the unusually hot weather and impact the heatwave has had on crops and cattle food supplies.

This is something that needs to be addressed, and I'm glad that Mr Gove has pledged to support farmers who have been negatively impacted by the dry weather, doing whatever is needed to maintain food supplies.

The Vale is fortunate to be home to excellent farmers, who produce many of the everyday products that we rely so heavily on. Therefore, I fully expect to have similar conversations with local farmers at the Vale Show as I understand that many in the Vale are also facing difficulties as a result of the weather and will have questions about Brexit.

I'm determined to ensure that they are given every bit of support that they need and this announcement will no doubt be welcomed.

There can be no overstatement of their ability to produce the best quality foods and the importance of the industry to the Welsh economy as a whole.

On a final note, I hope everyone who attended had a fantastic day at the Vale Show and thank you once again to all of the incredible team of volunteers who give their time to make it so special.

Welsh Secretary **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

Emperor's new clothes?

PARENTS across Wales could be entitled to £125 to help cover the cost of school uniforms, sports kit and kit for activities outside of school, such as Scouts and Guides.

The new fund, PDG (Pupil Development Grant) Access, is targeted at pupils who are eligible for free school meals or children who are looked after and are going into reception class or year-7 in September and aged four or 11 in special schools; Special Educational Needs (SEN) Units, or Pupil Referral Units.

The fund will also cover equipment for out of school hours trips including outdoor learning, and equipment for activities within the curriculum, such as design and technology.

Education Secretary Kirsty Williams and WLGA leader Debbie Wilcox have urged parents/carers of eligible children to speak to their council about applying for the new funding.

Kirsty Williams said: "We want all our pupils to have access to the same opportunities – whether in or outside of school – and PDG Access is about making sure that happens.

"We know that the costs of school uniform, sports kit and equipment for other activities can all add up so it's really important that parents and carers are aware of this new fund and know where to apply.

"If you think you're eligible for PDG Access then speak to your council today and you could soon receive £125 to help with these costs."

Cllr Debbie Wilcox (Newport), WLGA spokesperson for education said: "I would encourage any parents or carers who think they're eligible for this fund to contact their local authority.

"Local authorities want to support all our pupils to benefit from the same opportunities, which is why WLGA will look forward to continuing discussions with Welsh Government to ensure that such vital funds are maintained and protected."

Earlier this year, the Welsh Government controversially scrapped the School Uniform Grant, budgeted at around £700,000 per year, which the new scheme, with some extensions, replaces.

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BENCH MARK FOR ART

AN event that brings together artists, writers, poets and musicians together with members of the public to share the creative process will take place on the 'Friendship Bench' at the Knap Lake and Gardens, Barry, on Saturday, August 11 from 11am.

Artists will invite the public to "...experience the creation of art" and to ask any questions they would like about the work being created. All welcome.

Llancarfan village show returns

AFTER an absence of four years, Llancarfan will once again be staging its village show on Saturday, September 1 commencing at 2.30pm.

Entrance to the public is free and the organisers are encouraging as many entrants as possible. Entry is not confined to residents of Llancarfan, but is open to all.

There are 81 classes to enter spread across seven sections, ranging from flower arranging, baking, vegetables to photography and crafts ,with a special junior section aimed at youngsters from four to 14 years.

A spokesperson said: "Whether you are a budding Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood, Monty Don or Rachel De Thame, why not enter and showcase your talents?"

The show will be staged at the village hall and St Cadoc's Church, which will give entrants and visitors an opportunity to view the superb 15th century wall paintings and also to sample the hospitality of The Fox and Hounds pub.

Local organisations will be running a number of stalls and they look forward to welcoming as many people as possible on the day.

Each entry before August 28 will cost 50p and thereafter, £1. If your organisation would like a stall you should contact Ann Ferris on 01466 781350. You will need to provide your own table and a charge of £10 will be made.

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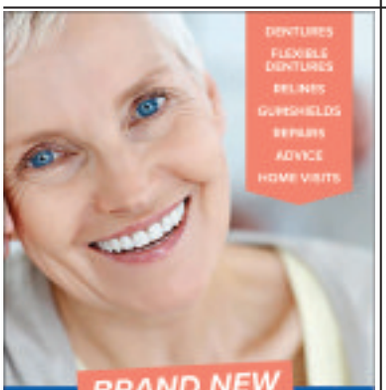

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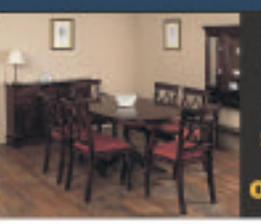
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Life for a young carer during the school holidays

THE school holidays... long, hot sunny days in the garden, out with your chums at the park, or maybe at the beach.

Perhaps even a trip to a theme park, or a holiday abroad, and the perennial parental cry of "What shall we do today?"

Little of this, however, applies for Oliver Davies, aged 12, from Bridgend

Much of his summer holiday will be spent caring for his nine-year-old brother, Leo, who has pathological demand avoidance (PDA).

Oliver and his mother Hayley are Leo's carers during the summer.

Oliver said: "Leo has PDA so we need to be with him all the time. My mum and I have to be really careful due to Leo's need to escape a situation when he's anxious or the danger of him harming himself or others.

"I've learnt how to keep an eye on him and can spot dangers quickly in the house or when we're out.

"I love my brother, and it feels very normal to look after him and help my mum whenever I can, but I can feel very isolated in the summer holidays.

"We're not able to have a holiday and even going out is very difficult. The young carer activities with Action for Children during the summer are often the only break I get."

Action for Children works in partnership with local authorities, charities and health services to support disadvantaged youngsters across the UK.

Research by Action for Children and Carers Trust suggests that nearly two thirds (62 per cent) of young Welsh carers "...feel lonely during the summer holidays".

Some 35 per cent of respondents, all under 18, to the survey said that they spend more than four hours a day during the summer with their relative requiring care.

Nearly a quarter (23 per cent) reported they have never been on a summer holiday with their family.

Brigitte Gater, national director for the organisation in Wales, said: "The summer holidays can be heart-breaking for young carers who are often isolated at home, while their friends are having fun in the sunshine, playing sports or enjoying family holidays.

"We see first-hand the awful impact of loneliness and stress on young carers, who dedicate their lives to helping their loved ones.

"These children are often desperate for a break from their caring responsibilities and to have a bit of fun in their holidays with friends; that's why young carer respite services are such a lifeline for them."

'Big shoes to fill' says new NFU branch secretary

NFU Cymru and NFU Mutual have appointed Simon Evans as the new group secretary at their Llantrisant branch office.

Simon Evans.

Mr Evans will take over from Karen Yates, who retires at the end of August after 37 years' service.

Mr Evans has a wealth of agricultural experience and has a strong farming background, having grown up in Nelson, and holding a number of roles within the NFU Cymru and NFU Mutual network. He is also a past chairman of Wales YFC.

For the past 12 years, Mr Evans has worked in various sales roles for NFU Mutual.

He said: "Living in Glamorgan, I already know many of the local farmers and look forward to building stronger relationships with them moving forward. "We are facing challenging times ahead with Brexit, but we mustn't forget the day-to-day problems that rear their heads as well.

"I am looking forward to getting out and about in the community and helping NFU Cymru members in any way I can. I have big shoes to fill and hope I can continue Karen's legacy."

Elsie Scully-Hicks: 'Chances missed' to save murdered toddler

A REPORT has concluded that an 18-month-old baby girl need not have died had paediatric professionals examined her when she was first taken to hospital.

Last week, the Cardiff and The Vale Regional Safeguarding Board (CVRSCB) published an extended Child Practice review into the circumstances around the death of Elsie Scully-Hicks.

Matthew Scully-Hicks, originally from Delabole, Cornwall, but who was living in Llandaff, Cardiff at the time, was jailed for life and ordered to serve a minimum of 18 years after being convicted of murder following a trial at Cardiff Crown Court last year.

The report says that all seemed well for the first year. It said: "*The child (Elsie) particularly enjoyed musical toys and singing, as well as cuddles, and was showing an interest in other children. The child was observed to be happy and relaxed with known adults*."

However, in November 2015, she was taken to her GP, who referred her to a Trauma and Orthopaedic Consultant.

The report says that the explanation given by the parent for the child's injury was accepted by the Registrar at the Trauma and Orthopaedic clinic as a typical fracture resulting from an accidental injury.

The x-ray identified two fractures to the child's leg. The fracture to the lower leg was identified by the Registrar but the second fracture to the distal femur (top leg bone) was missed.

The report goes on to say that the child was not seen in A and E and was therefore not seen by the Paediatric Team. One of the child's parents informed the adoption social worker of the child's injuries via telephone, and this information was then shared with the Children's Services social worker.

The report continues: "*If the original examination of the x-ray had identified both fractures, safeguarding concerns would undoubtedly have been raised and child protection procedures instigated. This was the opportunity where agencies could have reasonably and tangibly intervened*."

Following the child's death, a review of the X-ray was undertaken by an expert Consultant Paediatric Radiologist. This review indicated that it would be highly unusual for two separate bones to be broken from one minor fall.

The Consultant Paediatric Radiologist's report presented to the criminal proceedings indicated that the explanation provided by the primary parent (Matthew Scully-Hicks) of a minor fall would not result in two separate fractures.

The report added that The Registrar viewing the x-ray could not have been expected to identify the second fracture as they were not sufficiently experienced or trained.

The report concluded there was nothing throughout the adoption assessment process that could have predicted that one of the child's parents was to injure and eventually kill the child.

It was six months later, in May 2016, that Elsie suffered fatal injuries.

Lance Carver, the Vale Council director of Social Services, said: "The Vale Council welcomes the independent Child Practice Review launched after the tragic death of Elsie and is committed to learning lessons from its findings.

"The review found that the care planning and adoption assessment processes were followed correctly and were robust. As director of Social Services, I acknowledge unreservedly that there must always be a thorough examination to learn lessons from such a tragic event and I fully accept the recommendations from the review.

"I do not underestimate the impact on those most closely affected and we have thoroughly considered our own processes whilst the independent review was taking place. As a result of this, a number of actions have already been implemented to strengthen the monitoring arrangements once a child has been placed for adoption.

"These changes include additional professional oversight over and above normal supervision methods, an enhanced visiting schedule, and ensuring the robust recording and sharing of information.

"The death of a child within an adoptive placement is incredibly rare, but made no less shocking or distressing by its infrequency.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy to members of Elsie's birth and adoptive families. Implementing the recommendations of the independent review is a priority for the council and one we take incredibly seriously."

Murray's in a hurry to find a new home

MURRAY is a four-year-old ex-racing greyhound who walks well on the lead and is quite alert when out and about.

Murray is looking for a new home.

He enjoys playing with his toys and he loves his food, which will help with any training he needs.

Murray does socialise with other dogs and he could live with another dog of similar size already established in the home.

Murray is looking for an experienced home with owners who have had greyhounds before, but he is unable to live with cats or small furries.

He does travel well in the car and would love to go exploring new places. He can live with children 11 years old and above.

If you are a greyhound fan, then Murray could be the dog for you.

Search online for Dogs Trust Bridgend.

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What's all this then? Police gifts revealed

TICKETS to watch Wales play rugby and a reception with the Japanese ambassador were among the gifts and hospitality offered to South Wales Police officers and staff last year.

Police forces publish a register of gifts and hospitality offered by members of the public each year and whether they were accepted or declined.

There was also an invite to the opera and a traditional Yemeni meal, and one officer was invited to the Tower of London as a result of work undertaken with the FBI.

Others received Domino's pizza, a McDonald's meal, and chiropody treatments from people who were grateful for their service.

Other items offered included flowers, chocolates, wine, whiskey, port, pasties, books, ties, CDs, teddy bears – and cupcakes.

There were also invitations to various conferences and charity events and offers of gift vouchers and a Queensland police hat.

A South Wales Police spokesperson said: "The generosity shown by the members of the community in south Wales often reflects an appreciation for the dedication of our officers and staff.

"Impartiality, integrity, transparency and honesty are core values of our organisation, and maintaining a gifts and hospitality register helps to ensure those values are applied.

"All gifts and hospitality must be recorded and authorised accordingly."

Anthony Lewis, local democracy reporter

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Bright and early at the Vale Show

GEM photographer Glyn Evans was there at the Vale Show as the crowds started to pour in. A weather forecast of light showers did not seem to be prompting anyone to stay away, and the cake judges (above) were getting ready to assess the many and varied entries. Sharp-eyed readers may note that cake judging has some way to go before it hits gender equality targets!

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ABOVE and RIGHT:
Some of the amazing giant vegetables on show.

A tribute to the runners and organisers of Barry's events

I WISH to thank and recognise the fantastic work of all those involved with the organisation and planning of the first Barry Island 10k.

The work and commitment of the Vale Council, volunteers, Run4Wales, sponsors and runners was exceptional and all deserve recognition.

It was incredible to see so many people turn up to take part and to see Barry Island at its best on a beautifully sunny Sunday.

At the race, I spoke to many people who had come from far and wide to participate in the competitive race; some had travelled across the Severn Bridge and others from west Wales and beyond. The event attracted thousands of people and was a clear demonstration of great ambitions for the town.

Many first time visitors told me they planned to return socially. Others who hadn't visited Barry for many years were struck by the transformation of the town.

I pay tribute to all the local running clubs who participated and supported the event: Llantwit's Major Milers, Barry's Seriously Mad Runners, Penarth and Dinas Runners and Rhoose Runners; it is a privilege to run with them.

For anyone who has even the smallest interest in running, the local clubs cater for all abilities. Many have used the 'Couch to 5K' initiative – demonstrated by our own Derek Brockway, who also completed the course on Sunday.

In addition, we need to recognise the volunteers who organise Barry's weekly Park Run. It is the best in Wales. Hundreds of runners turn up to Barry Island at 9am on Saturday morning to complete 5K along the most magical coastline.

Come and join us and show that the inaugural Barry Island 10K has a lasting legacy and will continue to attract thousands of people to Barry.

Finally, there are two further local 10Ks coming up – Llantwit Major on August 25 and Cowbridge 10K on September 30. Along with the Park Run, all are organised by volunteers.

Come and join us!

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale.

Mischief at the library

THE Friends of Penarth Library will hold a cake sale between 10am and 1pm during the Mischief Makers' Fun Day, which will be held in the library on Saturday, August 11.

'More help needed on child care' says campaigner

MOTHERS have to face "two years of poverty" and give up careers as they are not given financial help with care until their children are three years old, a campaigner has said.

Councils across Wales will over the coming months implement Welsh Government's offer of 30 hours free child care per week for eligible working parents of three and four-year-olds.

But Sarah Rees, a mother-of-two from Penarth, says parents need financial help with child care as soon as maternity and paternity pay ends so many mothers can go back to work.

Mrs Rees says she can't afford to work while child care is £50 per day on average per child, which meant she had to give up her business – which helped 500 women into work – and rely on her husband's wages to look after daughter Caitlin, four, and son Danny, one.

She said her family had spent thousands of pounds on childcare; her children can be in care for one day a week, and that many other mothers are in a similar position.

The Welsh Government says its free childcare offer will complement existing schemes to help women back into work.

Mrs Rees said: "I don't get any financial help because my husband earns a good salary. I don't get child benefits; I live on my husband's salary. It has been such a pressure on our marriage.

"I have no financial independence, no job, no purpose other than raising children. I feel I have to cut off my brain until I'm able to afford to work.

"I feel like I've taken a Tardis back to 1950. We're celebrating 100 years of women getting the vote yet the lot of the mother is to sit at home to wait for children to get to school so she can go back to school. I don't think it's good enough."

The free childcare offer is already available across the entirety of five local authorities in Wales.

In other areas, the free childcare will only be offered in certain wards based on the percentage of children living in families claiming an in-work tax credit.

From September, it will be available in the Cardiff areas of Grangetown, Butetown, Riverside, Adamsdown, Cathays, Plasnewydd, Caerau, Splott, Ely and Llanrumney.

In the Vale, the offer will be available from September 2019 in Peterston Super Ely, Llandow/Ewenny, St Brides Major, Cowbridge, Cornerswell, Llandough, Gibbonsdown and Buttrills in Barry.

Mrs Rees has called for an end to the 'postcode lottery' on the way the free childcare scheme is being introduced.

She said: "I want them to change the age they are offering it at. The whole point is to support mums back into work and end some of the barriers to employment so they can have more income. It's an anti-poverty strategy.

"If we have to leave our jobs when our maternity pay comes to an end we are in poverty for two years. It's only helping people who are already in work and manage to pay for childcare for two years."

The Welsh Government wants the scheme to be available to all parents across Wales by 2020.

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "We have a number of programmes aimed at supporting parents with the cost of childcare. This includes the ESF-funded PaCE (Parents, Employment and Childcare) project which is aimed at improving employment prospects for parents where childcare is their main barrier to accessing training or job opportunities.

"Our Flying Start programme also provides free childcare for children in some of our most deprived communities.

"When rolled out across Wales by 2020, our childcare offer will complement these existing schemes by helping more parents into or return to work. It aims to remove an acknowledged barrier to employment and free up money that they can use to improve their family's circumstances."

Matt Discombe,
local democracy reporter

'Flytippers could endanger lives'

Cllr Andy Robertson stares in disbelief at the recent fly-tipping in Dinas Powys' Beauville Woods.

FLY-TIPPERS around Dinas Powys have moved up a notch from "uncaring, cheap-skate little louts to dangerous, potential homicidal maniacs", Conservative Vale councillor Andy Robertson claimed this week.

He said: "If people think I'm exaggerating, go and take a look at the first lay-by in Beauville Woods.

"The ashes from a pretty substantial fire are still there. Had the fire services not attended, the whole wood could have caught alight.

"A nearby tree was scorched up to 20ft in the air with everything around it brittle dry due to the recent hot spell."

Cllr Robertson, a farmer himself on the other side of the village, said he could not believe that, far from heeding the warning, another fly-tipper had already dumped even more rubbish within a few feet of the burnt-out fire.

He said: "If it wasn't so serious, it would be laughable. It's as though they'd brought another load for their next burn-up!"

He said he would be alerting Vale Council officers to the problem.

"We certainly don't want to penalise innocent people enjoying the countryside, but I would suggest we are all that much more vigilant and report any incidents immediately, particularly if we recognise any of the dumped material.

"Perhaps we should look at seriously increasing the penalties when people are caught, but we need the public's help in catching the perpetrators."

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Former police officer jailed for child rape

FOLLOWING an investigation by South Wales Police, two men have been sentenced to a total of 32 years for a series of disturbing child abuse offences.

John Ryan-Guess, a lawyer for the Welsh Government at the time of his arrest, was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, and Dean Roberts, a former police officer, to 12 years' imprisonment. The men appeared at Cardiff Crown Court on August 6.

In April this year the South Wales Police Paedophile Online Investigation Team (POLIT) launched an investigation into the activities of John Ryan-Guess after intelligence was received concerning predatory activity by an adult male in an online chat room.

A warrant was issued and Ryan-Guess was subsequently arrested. Upon further investigation, evidence was also uncovered concerning the behaviour of Dean Roberts. He too was arrested.

Both men were charged with multiple offences of sexual activity with children.

Dean Roberts was jailed for 12 years.

John Ryan-Guess was handed a sentence of 20 years.

Roberts was formally dismissed from South Wales Police following a Special Case Hearing held by the Chief Constable on June 14 having previously resigned from the force on May 29. He was based at the force's Bridgend HQ.

The investigation has led to further arrests across England as well as overseas.

Such was the strength of evidence that both Ryan-Guess and Roberts entered guilty pleas.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Dean Roberts, 48, was sentenced to 12 years after admitting one count of rape and five indecent assaults.

John Ryan-Guess was sentenced to 20 years for 37 charges, including sexual assault and making indecent images. Ryan-Guess, 43, also admitted aiding and abetting Roberts to commit sexual assault.

Speaking on August 6, Detective Superintendent Wendy Gunney said: "Today's sentences reflect the gravity of the crimes that have been committed. The two people responsible for the appalling abuse of a number of very young children have now been brought to justice.

"The investigation uncovered extremely disturbing child abuse evidence and the guilty pleas have ensured that the jury were spared from viewing evidence that would have been extremely traumatic.

"The safeguarding of children has been an absolute priority for the investigation team.

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Nantymoel/Ogmore vale PACT at Dinam Close on Wednesday, August 15 at 6.30pm.

Cefn Glas, Llangewydd and Brynhyfrydd PACT at Westward Community Centre on Monday, August 20 at 7pm.

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It is published by yLolfa at £9.99 and Jeff Davies, a lecturer at Cardiff Metropolitan University says of the book that it "...captures a time gone by".

The novel was inspired by Smith's time living and working in the village of Rhigos, near Aberdare, where he grew up.

He said: "I found some of the local characters so amusing that I felt some of their most outrageous antics should be recorded for posterity. Most of the tales are fictitious, while a few are very loosely based on actual events.

The novel is set in Rhyd-y-groes and one of the main members of the pub fraternity is inspired by a real local person.

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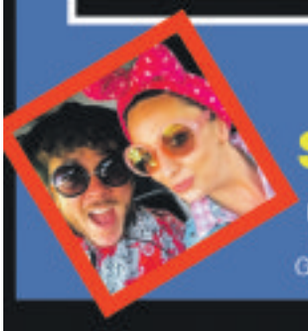
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HOMES & Gardens

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REX NYE from independent builders' merchant DW Nye offers his top tips for creating beautiful borders and eye-catching edging in your garden.

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For those who are disabled or struggle to bend, maintaining planted beds can be incredibly difficult. Raised beds not only add interest and elegance, but are ideal for creating practical areas that can be easily looked after.

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It's all in the planning

IF you're planning on a complete overhaul, first think about where you want to position your borders.

Take into consideration the amount of sun and shade available throughout the day, as this will impact plant growth. If you will be tending to borders in a seated position, then ideally they should be no more than 70cms high and 50cms deep.

There's a huge choice of materials available for creating border walls including bricks, reclaimed stone, concrete slabs, timber posts and railway sleepers. Once you've worked out which one you want, mark out your chosen area using posts and string. A line of spray paint along the line is a good way to guide you when creating the border edge.

Raised garden border

Get going with the groundwork

ONCE the border is prepped, you can start digging out the ground in your bedding area, and clearing clumps and stones.

If you are using concrete slabs, stones or bricks to build a raised bed, dig a foundation trench along your border line up to 15cms deep – this will help to add strength and stability. If you are creating a non-timber wall, the foundation should sit on concrete (except where there are vertical posts being installed).

Wooden walls won't require a concrete foundation; however, you'll need to place stakes at regular intervals making sure that 50 per cent of their length is buried below the ground. Bear this in mind when cutting your material to the length and height required. Pressure-treated timber is the most durable and will ensure your wooden wall stays looking smart for years to come.

Build your borders

IF you're working with horizontal timber boards, first fix stakes in each corner and then at 100cm gaps to support the panels.

Place your first panel into position against the stakes – one third should sit below the ground. Use non-corrosive nails to fix the timber to the posts and check with a spirit level along the entire length to ensure it's not sloping. Panels can then be butted against each other to build up the height.

Railway sleepers should be fixed to stakes with long bolts. They will also require interlocking dowels to keep them seamlessly sitting on top of each other.

Add a layer of hardcore

ONCE the sides have been constructed, it is advisable to line the inside with a polythene sheet to protect the material from the damp soil.

Once this has been done, place a layer of stones or hardcore inside the raised bed, up to 8cms in depth. This will aid drainage and help plants to flourish. Cover with a permeable membrane and replace any topsoil that was previously removed, adding fertiliser and compost to improve soil quality.

Prepare to plant

ONCE your raised bed has been created, leave the soil to settle and enrich for up to two weeks before planting.

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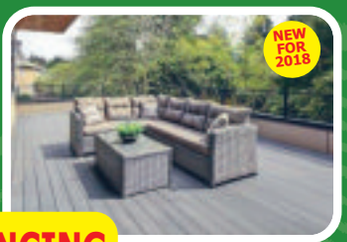

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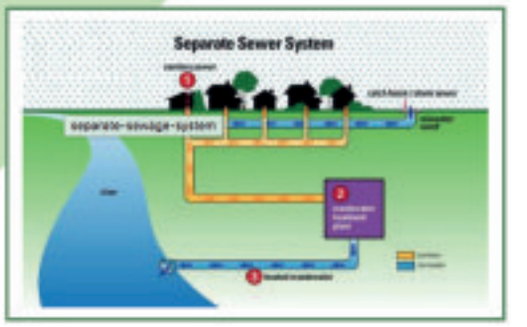

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Town Mayor Janice Charles who loves to meet and chat with all of us was warm and lovely. Janice and her family stayed with us all through and she enjoyed the south Indian food.

Cllr Michaela Richardson was a star walking and mixing, talking and eating with us. Love you all and thanks for coming.

A big thanks to Rita Limbrink, Cadoxton Youth Project, the lovely, young, energetic Air Cadets, GVS volunteers were all ever ready and smiling to help us.

This is a very special event aimed to encourage members to network in order to develop strong relationships, to inspire our absolute best to our members to forge strong communities with a bright future.

Our young members were charming with so many dancing steps to remember their lovely/colourful dance. Annaya was very good at playing her guitar.

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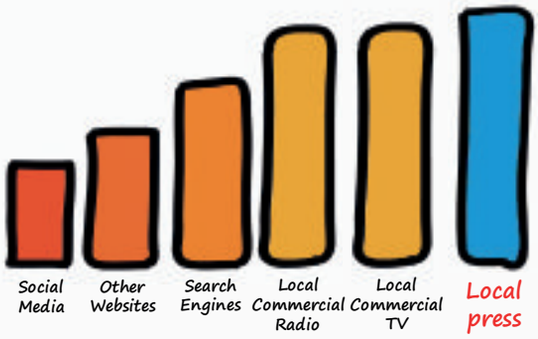

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Ant-Man and The Wasp is yet another success for Marvel...

IT'S been quite a year for Marvel Studios – having smashed box office records with *Black Panther*, then smashed more records with *Avengers: Infinity War*, the studio hasn't paused for breath with their final offering for the year, *Ant-Man and The Wasp* now in cinemas.

The sequel to the joyously fun *Ant-Man*, here we find Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) under house arrest after his part in the events of *Captain America: Civil War*. But when Scott has visions of Janet Van Dyne (Michelle Pfeiffer), who was lost inside the quantum realm nearly 30 years go, he covertly contacts her daughter Hope Van Dyne (Evangeline Lilly) and her father Hank Pym, both of whom are angry at Scott for his role in the aforementioned events in Germany.

The three of them must try to get to Janet before time runs out, a situation complicated by the mysterious Ghost (Hannah John Kamen) and shady businessman Sonny Burch (Walton Goggins), who each have their own designs on Hank's technology...

You may think there's something of 'after the Lord Mayor's parade' about *Ant-Man and The Wasp*, coming on the heels of the cultural phenomenon of *Black Panther* and the box-office slaying, emotionally-wrought *Avengers: Infinity War*. After all, how will the continued adventures of Scott Lang et al compete with such largesse?

The answer is it simply doesn't, and it's all the better for it, for this is a film that exists largely in its own vacuum, a thrillingly enjoyable slice of satisfying cinematic fun that acts as something of a palate cleanser to the last two Marvel entries.

Given the fraught pre-production of the first film (original director Edgard Wright leaving just before start of filming), it had no right to be as enjoyable as it was, this thanks largely to both the performances and the direction of Peyton Reed, who filled the shoes of Wright more than admirably.

Here Reed, emboldened by the first film, offers up something that is tonally similar yet makes great leaps in terms of the larger narrative and universe. His roots in comedy means that the film never lacks for laughs, but it's all underpinned by a narrative that employs the 'race against time' concept which means it rarely slows its pace, and also has some wonderful action sequences.

The balance between humour and scale is controlled exceptionally well, the action played straight yet with room for laughs, while the shrinking (and enlarging) technology of the characters means that there is plenty of high-drama and comedy to be mined.

by GARETH JAMIESON

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There's just a general sense of confidence on show, with Paul Rudd as effervescent and funny as ever as the unlikely hero, but stepping back to allow Evangeline Lilly and Michael Douglas to carry the film's more weightier narrative elements. Their desire to bring back Janet is the driving factor here, and both Lilly (superb in both the quieter moments and the physical ones) and Douglas deliver strong turns.

The returning Michael Pena as the story-spinning Luis is a riot (never let the man near a truth serum), while, on the villain front, neither Hannah John-Kamen's Ghost nor Walton Goggins' Burch are big-name bad guys, played here as anti-heroes of a sort, but their motivations and the performances sit perfectly within the framework of the story.

Given its constant pace, there are some plot points that could have been explored a bit more deeply, that feel slightly rushed in the grander scheme of the story, but the film does a great job of carrying as much exposition as it can as the story continues moving forward.

Most impressively is the way that the film plots its own course without relying too heavily on events elsewhere in the Marvel universe. Much like the *Guardians of the Galaxy* films thrived on being separated from the main pack, given the upheaval of *Infinity War* this stands on its own two feet, not needed to carry any heavy-lifting from elsewhere, and that freedom really allows the film to soar.

It may have been the least-hyped Marvel film of the year, but it stands to-to-toe with the studio's other efforts in 2018 – a wondrously entertaining piece of work, *Ant-Man and The Wasp* is yet another Marvel success.

VERDICT – Building on the goodwill of the first film, *Ant-Man and The Wasp* exudes confidence and boldness throughout. The performances across the board are wonderful, Peyton Reed's direction breezes by with an assured feel, and the film entertains with aplomb – a really superb slice of Marvel. Highly recommended.

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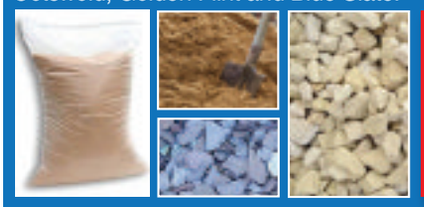

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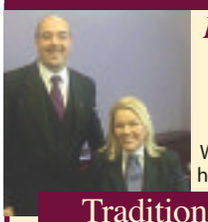

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Peacefully passed away on 1st August at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, after a short illness. Cyril will be sadly missed by his much loved wife Caroline, sisters Sheila and Margaret, children and step children, grandchildren and extended family.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 15th August at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations may be made at the service for Wales Air Ambulance.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

BROCK
Catherine

Peacefully at home on Sunday, 29th July, aged 81, following a long illness.

Catherine will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral service will be held at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Tuesday, 14th August, 2018 at 10am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Crematorium, Barry for 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, would be appreciated for Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff & The Vale via a retiring collection at the church/crematorium.

All enquiries to A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry, CF62 8NA. Tel 01446 735128.

COTTLE
Grace Beatrice (*née Chilcott*)

Peacefully on July 31st at College Fields Nursing Home, Grace, formerly of Rumney, Cardiff. Beloved partner of the late Harry Scott. Widow to the late Percy Cottle, much loved mum of Robert and Peter. A special mother-in-law of Louise.

Grace will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 16th August at 11am. Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support The Alzheimer's Society in memory of Grace.

STOCKWELL
James Andrew

Formerly of Ham Mews, Llantwit Major, aged 50 years. Peacefully on 25th June at home in Sydney, Australia following a battle with cancer, fought with great courage and humour.

Adored husband of Kian and devoted father of Eden. Beloved son of Ron and the late Rosemary, loving brother of Simon and dearest nephew, brother-in-law and uncle.

The funeral took place on 4th July in Sydney. A memorial service to celebrate James' life will be held on Saturday, 25th August at the Park Plaza Hotel, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff at 1.30pm for 2pm. Smart casual – no funeral attire. No flowers please; donations in James' name can be made to Cancer Research via the JustGiving webpage.

TOMBOLINE
Keith David

Sadly, but peacefully, passed away at Llandough Hospital on 31st July after a prolonged illness. Sorely missed by Dorothy, his loving and devoted wife, and family. Looked after sensitively and compassionately in the latter stages of his illness by all the staff at Ty Dyfan Care Home in Barry and the nurses on E7 Ward at Llandough.

Resting at Robert Johnson Funeral Directors. A simple service to honour and celebrate his life will be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 11am Friday, 10th August.

DIXON
Barry Robert

Sadly, on 25th July we lost a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother in Barry Robert Dixon.

We ask that all who knew him join us to celebrate his life with a service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 13th August at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, we ask instead that a small donation be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

ALLEN
David

We wish to announce the sad passing of David, well known of Barry, on 6th July, beloved husband to Jean and a loving father who will be greatly missed.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay J Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service.

Details to be confirmed in due course.

BEYNON
Mary Margaret (May)

(99 years)

Peacefully on 5th August, May, loving wife of the late Donald, much loved step mum of Elizabeth and husband Alan. Grandmother of Emma and Christopher.

May will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at St James' Church, Wick on Tuesday, 14th August at 12 noon, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent to J.R & M.F. David, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major.

Birthdays

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Thank you to everyone who attended the rememberance service for Ronald. Also, thank you for all donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, which totalled £671.57.

Thank you all from Pat.

Public Notices

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Tribune Operations Centre, trading as **Tribune Group Ltd** of **Unit 2, George Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TS** is applying for a licence to use **Unit 2, George Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TS** as an operating centre for **4** goods vehicles and **1** trailer.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

PLANNING APPLICATION 2018/00618/FUL

has been made in respect of **190 Jenner Road, Barry**.

The application seeks to carry out works which include the widening of the entrance on Ponytpridd Road and replacing the existing gate. The proposal would also result in works carried out on land that is not in the applicant's ownership and this includes widening the driveway outside the property boundary and alterations to the banking which runs alongside the boundary wall.

Should anybody have any representations they wish to make with regards to this land or application, please contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council planning department by 30th August 2018.

LICENSING ACT 2003
Section 17 (5)
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NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT
An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **PREMISES LICENCE** To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below.
NAME OF APPLICANT: **ANDLEE Hospitality Ltd**
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES: **Fruity Bouquets, Unit 3, Heol Ffaldau, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend CF31 2AJ.**
STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES: Sale by retail of alcohol between the hours of 10am - 6pm.
Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk.
Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:
Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.
DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 29th August 2018. This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 2nd August 2018, for 28 consecutive days.
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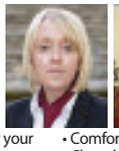

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Vale Homework Support Club holds its awards presentation ceremony

THE Vale Homework Support Club in Rhoose has supported children and adults with education for the past six years, and has recently celebrated its sixth anniversary, as well as the annual awards ceremony, supported by Tarmac Aberthaw.

Volunteer Natasha Lynch (17), won the special achievement award after setting up the Welsh club, achieving Level 2 Youth Worker, play worker and Welsh LSA. Nathan Faire won child of the year after the effort he put in, week after week.

The club has been given a Vale of Glamorgan stronger communities grant to open in St Athan and Llantwit Major.

Play schemes are taking place in both areas over the summer holiday with academic clubs in English, maths, Welsh and a 10-week science course due to commence in September.

A sports club will open alongside academic clubs in both areas.

The club will offer community networking, including adult learning and leaflet drops to keep the everyone posted on all events.

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Looking back through the past with Brian Lee

THE GEM's Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt racing scene for the national and local press for more than half-a-century, takes another look at one of his many press cuttings books.

My press cuttings scrapbook for 1989 reveal that Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn notched-up his 200th winner, and Llancarfan farmer's son Evan Williams his first win between-the-flags.

Under the heading 'A First For Evan' my report in a Sunday newspaper read: "Evan Williams of Llancarfan, notched up his first winner in only his second ride in the first division of the restricted open at the Llangibby point-to-point steeplechases on his father's 10-year-old *Cuckoo Mill*."

Cuckoo Mill, a 6-1 chance, won by 12 lengths from Matt Mulcahy in a field of 11 runners.

John Llewellyn, as it happened, took the second division on *Remember Dewi*, the horse which gave him his 200th win and under the heading 'History Man Llewelly' this is what I had to say: "Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn made Welsh point-to-point history at the Brecon Hunt Steeplechases when notching up his 200th winner on Keith Huntley's *Remember Dewi* (maiden division 1).

"Llewellyn, aged 42, who needed three wins to join the four English riders who have ridden 200 winners, went one better and landed his first four-timer."

Llewellyn also won the men's open division 1 on *Solid Oak*, a division of the restricted on *Goose Green* and the second division of the maiden on *L C Monro*.

St Athan's John Thomas took the second division of the open on *Castle Shepherd* and the Kevin Cousins, a division of the restricted on *Sparkling Lord*.

At the South Pembrokeshire, 18-year-old Joanne Eddy from Porthcawl, and a nurse at Bridgend Hospital, landed her first win when winning the adjacent on Norman Jones' *Luchgello* (Unfortunately, this clipping has been torn so I cannot read what I said about her. Perhaps Joanne still has a copy of my report? If so, it would be nice to hear from her).

What I do know is that *Luchello* was an 8-1 chance and beat the favourite *Reay Royal*.

Two other Vale riders who had winners at the meeting were Jonathan Tudor, who won the second division of the maiden on *Cheek Major* and John Llewellyn who took the first on *Earthbound*.

I was invited to attend a meeting of point-to-point bookmakers at the Crest Hotel in Cardiff and my report read: "Heated arguments about allowing English bookmakers to stand at Welsh point-to-points broke out between bookmakers when 30 of them – mostly Welsh – met at the Crest Hotel in Cardiff recently with the aim of forming the South and West Wales Point-To-Point Bookmakers Association.

"Betting without the favourite, double-sized betting boards and the availability of pitches were other topics that had the gentlemen of the turf hot under the collar.

"Cardiff bookmaker John Lovell said: 'The formation of the association would bring Wales into line with all the other areas in the country and would be of mutual benefit to all concerned.'"

John, who was responsible for bringing computerised betting to Great Britain, was later sadly killed in a motoring accident. He is still sadly missed and his son James has taken over his role.

'Butcher Brings Home The Bacon' was the heading under my report on the Monmouthshire meeting and I wrote: 'Bridgend butcher Jonathan Tudor, aged 24, is certainly bringing the bacon home these days. On Friday he was successful on his uncle's *St Helen's Boy* in a hunter chase at Ludlow and on Saturday he scored an impressive win on Gwyn Davies' *Jimsleeves* in the second division of the maiden race at the Monmouthshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases.

In the winners' enclosure after the race, Mr Davies praised Jonathan for giving his mare a super ride. The former Cowbridge rugby player is making quite a name for himself and is enjoying his best season since he notched up his first winner six years ago. Jonathan also won a division of the maiden on **Jimsleeves**.

The large crowd had 38 bookmakers in attendance to choose from and racecards were soon sold out.

Andrew James had a double with *Dashalong* and *Crumpet Catcher* and Karen Bryan, now wife of leading Welsh trainer Peter Bowen, won the ladies' open race with *Green Blossom*.

'Brilliant Angela Grabs Verdict' was the heading on my report of the Pentyrch meeting which read: "Angela Rucker, aged 24, rode a brilliant finish on her own Powerless to land the Western Mail Ladies' Open at the Pentyrch Hunt point-to-point meeting.

"The former hurdler was third over the last fence, but got up to win by a head."

It was even closer in the Welsh Point-To-Point Grand National over four miles. *Katesville*, ridden by Tim Jones, finished strongly to dead-heat with the 1988 winner, *Knock On The Head*.

The races are held on land owned by Mr and Mrs Rhys Williams and their Scottish Grand National winner, *Roll-A-Joint*, was paraded in the ring.

Tim Jones was also successful on *Suikerbos* (Members), and *Matt Six* (Maiden division 1) and St Athan's John Thomas won a division of the maiden on *Willow Wood*.

It was also the year that John's grandfather Jack Thomas, a stalwart of the Glamorgan Hunt, who had his first win on *Black Peter* at the Pentych Hunt Point-To-Point in 1929, sadly died.

He had been involved in the sport for 60 years. These days, Emily Jones is well known in horse racing circles and has ridden winners on the flat, over hurdles, over jumps and has been a successful Arabian horse racing competitor.

But back then she was unknown and under the heading 'Emily Leads Men Merry Dance', I reported: "Emily Jones, aged 17, led her male rivals a merry dance when landing the second division of the maiden at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases on her mother's Come On Sonny.

"Emily, the only female rider in the race, made every yard of the running on 10-year-old *Come On Sonny* who is qualified with the Tredegar Farmers' Hunt.

Emily was having only her fourth ride in a point-to-point and judging by the way she handled her mount further success should soon be coming her way.

There were wins for John Thomas who won the members' on *Tom Penny* and the second division of the restricted open on Sally Haven.

John Llewellyn won the men's open on *Remember Dewy* after Tim Rooney's mount, the unbeaten *Sir Noddy*, took a tumble at the third fence and Phil Williams had a lucky win on *Sucre Noire* in the first divsion of the maiden.

A notable racegoer at this meeting, held at St Hilary, was former world marathon record holder Steve Jones.

He was recovering from a leg injury and joked that he had damaged a fetlock.

The unluckiest rider at the Llandeilo Farmers meeting was John Thomas who had a brand new jacket stolen from the jockeys' tent.

It was at this meeting that Tim Jones rode a brilliant finish on Percy Thomas's *Norton's Coin* to win the adjacent by a length from the stronly fancied One For Mammy.

Norton's Coin, as we all know, went on to win the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup at odds of 100-1.

'Second Could Win By A Nose' was the heading under my report which read: "*Mistress Rock*, the Gwent point-to-pointer, who finished a distant second to *Jymario* in the women's open race at the Llangeinor Hunt Steeplechases earlier this year, could be awarded the race.

Jymario's owner, Mr Bill Howells, has found himself at odds with the Jockey Club for rubbing Vick on his horse's nose to prevent it catching a cold before the race. Vick is camphor-based and camphor has been used in the past to conceal forbidden drugs adminstered to horses.

The Jockey Club's dope testing unit turned up at St Mary Hill racecourse near Bridgend on the day *Jymario* led from start to finish to win by a street from *Mistress Rock* with 21-year-old Annabel Butler in the saddle.

After the race the dope testing unit took a blood sample from the 11-year-old bay gelding *Jymario*, which proved positive.

A Jockey Club inquiry is due to decide on the issue.

And finally, I had a dig at some owners when I wrote: "The biggest disappointment of the season came in the members' race at the Gelligaer Farmers meeting when Bernard Llewellyn's *Merry Tom* was allowed a walk-over.

Mr Llewellyn would be the first to admit that *Merry Tom* is no world beater, yet three other Gelligaer Farmers horses – *Likely Tale, Penny Kiron* and *Hillgate Lady* – ran in other races which they had no chance of winning, rather than take him on.

This lack of forethought denied the paying customers a race of sorts. Let us hope members of the hunt will get their act together in time for next year."

Brian Lee is the author of Racing Rogues-The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales (St David's Press) and The Welsh Grand National - from Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice (The History Press) and The Races Came Off - The story of point-to-point racing in South and West Wales (Welsh Sporting Publications).

Bridgend car dealer extends sponsorship of Welsh League Cup

THE Football Association of Wales (FAW) and Nathaniel MG Cars have announced a new sponsorship deal for the Welsh Premier League Cup.

The deal is the biggest in the competition's history and its name will remain the Nathaniel MG Cup for the next four seasons, having been so since Nathaniel Cars became the headline sponsor back in 2016/17.

The Bridgend-based company is a well-established name in south Wales and beyond, with over 30 years' experience of helping customers buy, sell and maintain their cars.

Nathaniel also have a long history of sporting sponsorship, and this extended deal adds to their existing commitment to Welsh sport.

Wayne Griffiths, Nathaniel Car Sales' managing director, commented: "Nathaniel Cars are proud to renew our relationship with the FAW and the Nathaniel MG Cup. This is a great opportunity, especially with our extended move to Cardiff with our showroom and also our recent sponsorship with Cardiff City FC.

"It is an exciting time for Welsh football with its recent history and Nathaniel Cars are pleased to be a part of it!"

The draw for round one of the 2018/19 competition, which features 24 sides, was made earlier this week at the Nathaniel Cars showroom in Bridgend and released on the JD Welsh Premier League Facebook page.

Rare triples win for bowlers!

LAST Thursday evening saw Llantwit Major securing a rare win in the Rockwool Triples League against their local rivals Cowbridge, the second year running that this was achieved!

The win made up for the heavy defeat at Cowbridge earlier on in the season. The best home rink comprised Mike Eveleigh, Lyn Fry and Ambrose Horgan, playing as skip for the first time – they led from the start and with a couple of fours on the eighth and 11th ends ran out winners by 21 shots to Cowbridge's 11.

Richard Bayliss, Stuart Comer and Mike Harmon had a closely fought encounter, eventually scoring four shots on the last end to secure a 16-13 victory.

Ken Williams, Dave Thomas and John O'Brien also had a close game leading up to the 16th end only to lose three shots on the last two ends to see Cowbridge secure a 13-15 win.

Dave Johnes, Mike Jones and John Moisan, also playing skip for the first time, were behind until the 15th end when they levelled the score only to concede one shot on each of the last two ends to also lose 13-15; the overall score was 63-54.

The game was played in a good spirit and an enjoyable evening was rounded off by both sides enjoying post-match pasties and liquid refreshments served up by team captain Paul Brown.

The week before saw Llantwit travelling to Bridgend Bowls Club on a rain-soaked Friday evening.

Llantwit won on two rinks – Richard Bayliss, Andy Vincent and Mike Harmon having won the first end then lost the next two but levelled the score on the fifth and with the exception of a three to Bridgend on the 10th end, won the remaining ends to emerge winners by 15-7.

John Bailey, Geoff Timms and John O'Brien had a very close tussle coming away with a 11-10 win.

Dave Johnes, Mike Jones and Eric Sparks had a see-saw game with the lead changing several times but a series of one-shot wins on the last four ends saw the home team emerge winners 7-13.

Ian Williamson, Stuart Comer and Paul Brown struggled, eventually losing 9-18, the overall score 42-48.

Thanks to Bridgend for the post-match hospitality which concluded an enjoyable evening – even the rain held off until we had finished the match!

Although we had an enjoyable evening, the home game against Pencoed was a heavy defeat, Llantwit's was pride salvaged through a close win by Ken Williams, Stuart Comer and Geoff Timms who built up a steady lead but gave away six shots on the 15th end and a further four shots on the 16th end, but managed to hang on to emerge winners, 23-21.

Dave Johnes, Lyn Fry and Mike Harmon were playing catch up from the third end onward but couldn't quite get there eventually going down by 11-14.

John Bailey, Mike Jones and Graham Snowdon lead at the third end but then tailed off to see Pencoed secure a 11-28 win.

Mike Eveleigh, Dave Thomas and Paul Brown had a nightmare evening and lost by 7-35, the overall score 52-98.

Many thanks to John Moisan for serving the post-match pasties and liquid refreshments. **PB**

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Cowbridge cricketers face day of destiny on Saturday

ON Saturday, Cowbridge take on Gorseinon in what is the most important cricket match to be played at The Athletic Ground for a generation.

Whichever club emerges victorious will in all likelihood go on to win The Dan Radcliffe Cup and promotion to the South Wales Premier Cricket League.

The South Wales Cricket Association is the league that covers an area from Cowbridge to Llandysul and one club will be promoted.

Currently the points differential in Division One is that Gorseinon have 265 and Cowbridge 258. With 20 points available per game, 10 for the win and five each for batting and bowling, whoever wins on Saturday will lead the table.

On form the likelihood is that Gorseinon and Cowbridge would both be expected to win their last two games and so the destiny of both seems to rest on Saturday's match.

Getting into the SWPCL is important. There is little point in playing if success is not sought.

At Cowbridge this ambition is apparent in both individuals, as a team and as a club. Cowbridge possesses all the attributes of a Premier League club and her players need the opportunity to play at the highest level they can.

Who are the men charged with the mission on Saturday?

Seven of them began their careers in the Cowbridge junior section. That in itself emphasises that this is a team that truly represents the town.

The stars of the XI are the opening batsmen, former Glamorgan star Ben Wright, the handsome driver, and Tom Merilaht the artful nudger.

These two are simply the best combination in the league, would probably be the best in the Premier League and indeed it's hard to imagine that the club has ever had a better pair.

Both have scored over one thousand runs already this year. The others to have emerged from the junior section include captain Chris Willey, like Tom Merilaht from Penllyne, leading wicket taker Tom Williams from Llanmihangel and young pace bowlers Sam Russell from Ystradowen and Rian Thomas from Broadway.

The club has been fortunate that Jack Cropper and Nick Wood, both very substantial talents as batsman and off spinner moved to Cowbridge to live and they have both made substantial contributions this year.

Adding an international dimension are Zimbabwean students Brad Evans and Tatenda Criradza. Both played for their country at junior levels and now study at Cardiff Met University.

They have added some real class to the bowling and batting. Brad in particular has shown the priceless ability to put a game out of an opponent's reach.

The Harare thunderbolt regularly puts Cowbridge's opponents under pressure by getting their top order batsmen out and scores runs with an astonishing strike rate.

The squad will also include Jack Harris or Matt Harper, both of whom are attacking batsmen from Pontyclun and Colwinston respectively.

The match is sure to be a tense affair. However this season on average Cowbridge have won their matches by eight wickets or 94 runs while Gorseinon have been victorious by five wickets or 55 runs.

That would suggest Cowbridge have been defeating their opponents by substantially greater margins than Gorseinon. The bowling seems to be edged by Cowbridge where the top five bowlers' combined average is 14.2 against Gorseinon's 15.9.

With the bat Cowbridge would seem to again have an advantage averaging 66.3 against 55.5. If these statistics give Cowbridge some encouragement it would be foolish to read too much into them. The real message is that it will be a tight match.

So, what were the details of that last big game of similar importance played on August Bank Holiday, 1974?

Howard Morgan's side needed to beat Pontypridd to tie for the Conference title with Barry.

In a low-scoring game on a wet but drying pitch, Howard, Gerald Leeke and John Bevan got wickets and saw Cowbridge home despite only having only 86 to defend.

Your support of the Cowbridge first XI could make all the difference. Captain Chris Willey and the lads can do something special on Saturday. It promises to be quite a contest, don't miss it!

The match starts at 1.30pm and the bar will be open at 11am.

JRB

Vale firsts are beaten

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You could not be blamed for thinking that Creigiau would be capable of scoring the required runs with relative ease given that it was their home pitch and the table-toppers have batted well all season.

The score raced to 20-0 after just three overs but opener Darren Upham once again took the wicket of B Taylor getting one to rise leading to the batsman gloving behind to the keeper.

Merry followed suit and showed everyone why he has been trusted with the new ball in this important game. Merry removed fellow opener and danger man D Taylor trapping him LBW. Merry (2-28) then removed Creigiau captain T Innes having him caught superbly by a retreating A Upham.

D Upham took another two wickets before his spell finished with figures of 3-29.

Upham trapped Bassett-Jones and had the dangerous Powell caught behind by Withers. With the score at 40-5 Vale were very well placed.

Even at drinks Vale felt that the first 15 overs belonged to them.

Griffiths (24) and Nicholls (57) then went and added 86 for the sixth wicket.

Although Vale feel they had Nicholls caught behind early on in his innings he went about punishing the Vale spinners.

It was the reintroduction of seam bowlers that put an end to this partnership.

McCutcheon and Snelson bowled well together and both were rewarded with wickets.

McCutcheon (2-21) had one of his best spells with the ball in recent years and Snelson (2-9) also bowled well and was able to cut out the loose deliveries the Creigiau batsman were waiting for.

This led for a very tense and close finish. The scoreboard displayed 138-9 meaning the last wicket needed to score 20 runs without getting out or they would surrender the win.

Unfortunately for Vale the final pair managed to guide their team to victory and Vale were left dismayed.

Despite this loss Vale can feel that they did well to run the game this close but the team needed to score more runs and bowl fewer wides as they amounted 20 in total!

This week Vale travel to Hopkinstown and will be looking to get back to winnings ways.

HW

Late drama sees Vale seconds maintain their title dream

A LAST-minute withdrawal from the firsts resulted in Vale seconds losing their skipper Matthew Thomas.

However, evergreen Vale stalwart Mark Francis was on hand to take up the reins.

Creigiau won the toss and had no hesitation in choosing to bat on another hot day in south Wales.

Creigiau made steady progress against the Vale opening attack of Idris Merry and Greg Andrews.

Merry bowled a particularly tight spell conceding only 13 runs from his opening six overs.

Vale's first bowling change saw the introduction of left arm spinner Glyn Jones and at the other end Sean Rowland. It was Rowland who struck Vale's first blow removing Laurie Jones caught by wicket keeper Ashley Taylor.

This was followed quickly with the removal of the other opener Lloyd John (33) who was clean bowled.

Rowland completely put the brakes on the Creigiau batsmen and bowled an outstanding economical spell returning figures of 8-5-10-2.

The introduction of leg spinner Jimbo Thomas resulted in the fall of the third wicket as Glyn Jones held a sharp chance at square leg.

At the 30 over mark Creigiau were 116 -3 and looking to accelerate with a sound partnership developing between Dafydd Griffiths (64*) and Peter O'Hanlon (39) with some hard hitting.

This partnership was finally broken when Francis brought Merry back into the attack as he bowled O'Hanlon which was quickly followed by a second wicket in the over, leaving Merry with figures of 2-27.

In what proved to be an eventful over there were also two run-outs as Glyn Jones and skipper Francis sent returns in over the stumps to see the batsmen short of their ground. Creigiau finished their 40 overs with a respectable 194-7.

Rob Gooch, returning to the seconds, set off with positive intent hitting three boundaries before being bowled.

This brought in-form skipper Francis to the crease and with Taylor added 30 before Taylor was bowled.

Gareth Kelland joined his skipper and these two set about building a platform from which Vale could attack the visitor's total.

Francis scored runs all round the wicket while Kelland was particularly powerful on the leg side and these two built an excellent century stand.

Francis fell lbw with the score on 147 having compiled an excellent 80 including 14 fours and one six.

Ritchie Humphries was promoted up the order for the final push and when Kelland was caught having scored a patient and well-made 51 the match was in the balance.

Francis then made another change to the order promoting Sean Rowland and these two took the score to 185 off 39 overs with Humphries hitting a six off the last ball of the 39th over.

Vale needed 10 off the last over and the over went 2,1,1; Rowland then hit a wonderful straight four down the ground, and a scrambled single meant that the scores were level so Vale needed a run off one ball.

The final ball was a no ball on height but in the confusion a single was taken by Humphreys as the ball rebounded off his glove and Vale had won a pulsating game of cricket off the last ball of the match.

Humphreys finished 16 not out and Rowland 10 not out. For Creigiau Rhys Powell 2-24 and Javed Hezarboz 2-28 both bowled good spells.

This was an excellent win after late disruption to the team and with four games left Vale seconds are well-placed to lift the Division 3 title.

Vale seconds will again be at home this week against Hopkinstown.

HW

Local 10K race on the horizon

YOU know it is August when the Llantwit Major 10k rolls round again.

This year the event is being held on August 25 with the 5k warm up race at 10am and the main event coastal 10k at 10.45am. Finally the hugely popular 1k race for children will take place before the prize giving.

Anyone who has run the race before will agree that the route is beautiful. Starting and finishing in lovely Llantwit Major and taking in ancient hill forts, meadows and cliff tops the race is suitable for all levels of runner, with water stops, crowd support and fully licensed by Welsh Athletics.

The races were first run as a one-off tribute to local runner David Synans. They were so succesful that the race is now in its fourth year with entries again selling fast.

Like previous years, every finisher will get a medal and as a special bonus for 2018 all 10k finishers will also get a quality technical running shirt thanks to the generosity of a group of local sponsors.

This is a first for the Llantwit Major 10k as the organisers have always tried to keep entry cost to an absolute minimum and maintain the not-for-profit community event feel as much as possible.

For more information on running or volunteering, go to llantwitmajor10k.co.uk o r facebook.com/llantwitmajor10km.

Friendlies for Cowbridge RFC

COWBRIDGE RFC play the first of their two pre-season warm-up games this Saturday on the School Field, kick off at 2.30pm.

Their opponents are Chipping Sodbury who are something of an unknown quantity but will present an interesting challenge and an opportunity for the coaches to see how training has gone regarding fitness and combinations and for the players to get a hit out.

The following week they take on Pyle, again on the school field. If you want to get involved then come down to the games and of course training continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The season kicks off on September 1 with an away trip to Gwernyfed, near Brecon for what promises to be the start to an exciting season;we look forward to seeing you.

RK/ RV

Petanque in Llancarfan

THINK of the great temples of French sport and Roland Garros and Parc des Princes comes to mind, not to mention those brutal Tour de France stages such as Alpes d'Huez.

This weekend, however, you can add Llancarfan to that list, as all eyes in the Vale village turn to its petanque piste, where competition will begin for the Ruth Watts Trophy.

It all starts on Sunday, August 12 at 2pm and it is an open event. Invitations are for teams of three.

Competitors and spectators are welcome to bring refreshments and assist the Watts family celebrate the annual event.

For more deails, contact Russ Watts - russ.watts@btopenworld .com or (07779 157407)

Bad week for the ladies

ON Tuesday, Llantwit Major Bowls Club ladies welcomed Prince of Wales Sandpiper team.

Settling down immediately they soon went into the lead on all rinks and showed some excellent bowling.

Ros, Pat, Ann and Eryl were unable to stop their steady progress, losing 10-24.

Linda, Jen, Julie and Marilyn, although managing to win eight of the 18 ends, did not fare much better, losing 13-19.

Wyn, Margaret, Carol and Helen, although all even on the 14th end, lost 11-15.

It was not a good end to our Cowbridge Shield season.

On Thursday we travelled to Pencoed for a league game.

The weather had not been kind to the Pencoed green and it proved a challenging one for both teams.

Joan, Margaret, Marilyn and Julie could not hold back the excellent Pencoed team, losing 11-23.

Ann, Mo, Etta and Gill had an excellent game in the lead from the ninth end - they were 13-12 on the 17th end only to drop a two on the last end, losing by one, hard luck girls.

Dilys, Eryl, Helen and Carol could not hold back an excellent team from Pencoed, losing 13-23.

Unfortunately with Pencoed gaining 10 points from this game they have gone ahead of us in the league table.

Never mind ladies hopefully we will do better this week.

CW

Edward lands three-timer

EDWARD Vaughan, the 10-year-old son of Aberthin's Tim and Abby Vaughan, brought his career total of pony race winners to 36 when landing a brilliant hat-trick on a recent visit to Ireland.

Edward, who earlier this year won the British 138cms and 148cms national pony racing championships, came in for a lot of praise from the Irish press when winning on *Sore Loser, Sandy Cove* and *Another Tiger* at a meeting in Cahersiveen in south east Ireland.

He had five rides and also picked up a third on *The Bosses Daughter* and a fourth on *Carrig Ava*.

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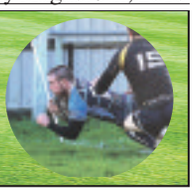

Ben and Tom in the record books as Cowbridge get set for 'winner-takes-all' clash

SATURDAY saw Cowbridge Cricket Club win at Llandysul to keep up the pressure on league leaders Gorseinon who they meet next Saturday at The Athletic Ground.

In winning at Llandysul, Willey's men did something a most illustrious commander failed to achieve.

In 1644 when the Parliamentary army of Oliver Cromwell threatened Royalist Llandysul the locals pulled down the bridge that crossed the Teifi to keep the enemy out.

The Lord Protector concluded that Llandysul was hardly worth the bother of building a new bridge to attack the town so he appears to have left the area while the locals remained to puzzle how to get to Carmarthen.

Had Cromwell been around today he would probably not approve of much that goes on in the ancient town.

Today it is a place dedicated to leisure and fun, a tourist centre with the Teifi providing world-class fishing and kayaking.

There is also a rather marvellous cricket ground, one of best in the west which is set in a loop of the river and has a spectacular mature wood rising majestically on the opposite bank.

When Chris Willey and his Cowbridge first XI arrived via Carmarthen they were welcomed with a new bridge and an excellent pitch to bat on.

The team took full advantage of the conditions and the heat, the sort of heat in fact that Charles I might have preferred on the day of his execution when he was obliged to wear two shirts to avoid any shaking with cold.

This shaking might have been mistaken for nerves but with the confidence that comes from six successive wins that's something the Cowbridge team do not have to worry about.

The openers, Ben Wright (142) and Tom Merilaht (112), put on 255 for the first wicket. Brad Evans then hit 32 in no time.

The game was put beyond the local Cavaliers when the 50 over total read 312-3.

Before the game both Tom and Ben were close to scoring a thousand runs during this season.

To put this in context it is a feat that has only been achieved on nine previous occasions.

Of the nine Linton Lewis of the Windward Islands and Ammanford did it four times and holds the record aggregate of 1543.

Only two England-qualified batsmen have done it, Alun Evans and Jason Davies twice.

However it is remarkable that this year within half an hour of each other two batsmen from the same club achieved a place in the record books.

When Llandysul batted there was little urgency as they seemed content to aim for four batting points and they ended up at 178-8.

There were wickets for Tatenda Chiradza (3-32), Tom Williams (2-32) and Ryan Thomas (2-22).

The net result for Cowbridge was that having started the day seven points adrift of Gorseinon they reduced the margin by one point.

What they did though was set up a 'winner takes all' contest this week.

There is likely to be some Roundhead efficiency in the Cowbridge play next Saturday but should they emerge with a win they will celebrate like Cavaliers.

JRB

Close loss for the Vale Cricket Club firsts

VALE CC first XI travelled to top of the table Creigiau in search of bouncing back after their disappointing defeat to Pontymister and Cross Keys at home last weekend.

Having lost the toss Vale were put into bat on a wicket. Traditionally Creigiau is a ground where the batsman must go forward and play predominately on the front foot.

The wickets also tends to produce the odd surprise or two. Saturday's game was no exception.

Armed with the knowledge of how the pitch was likely to play did not help Snelson as he was removed with first ball of the game being clean bowled by an in-swinging yorker from Ben Taylor (24-3).

Taylor struck again trapping Vale's leading run scorer Matthew Thomas LBW leaving the score at 11-2.

Thomas was a late addition to the side and left his beloved second team that he has led so successfully this season to join the first team – this was very much appreciated.

Hiles soon followed suit as he was caught at extra cover having played too early on a shot.

With the score at 29-3 and only nine overs on the scoreboard Withers (28) joined in form Alex Upham (53) at the crease.

The two put on a 51 run partnership before Withers was caught at deep mid-wicket from a full toss.

The vice-captain needed to show more grit and determination at this point at bat for longer with Upham.

His wicket came at a time when Vale had started to 'steady the ship' and this put a lot of pressure on the shoulders of Upham and the late order.

McCutcheon (20) signalled his intent early on in his innings by punching the spin bowlers to the boundary early on.

Unfortunately for McCutcheon he played on just as he was looking settled. From 117-5 Vale then collapsed to 157 all out, with Alex Upham scoring another half century and finishing with 53 runs to his name.

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Cowbridge Bowls Club round-up

THE ladies provided a good start to the week with a fine two rink win on Monday in an Evening League game at home to Barry Romilly.

Rink scores: Sian Lewis, Shirley Dunsworth, Sylvia Hole and Shirley Wilkinson 18-10; Dorothy Pritchard, Diane Lloyd, Kay Edwards and Lynda Wilson 22-6. Match score: Cowbridge 40, Barry Romilly 16.

Lynda Wilson, pleased with the win, said: "We were walking on water." This is partly true as some of weekend rain was just under the surface.

The following day, a strange result, again at home in a Cowbridge Shield match.

Despite a fine win on Sylvia Hole's rink, Cowbridge lost overall to Kenfig Hill and Pyle who were two players short and yet won overall.

As a witness to the game I have to report that some of the play from the visitors was outstanding.

Rink scores: Dianne Radley, Margaret Cooper, Diane Lloyd and Phyllis Price 5-18.75; Sian Lewis, Mary Dowdle, Joy Woolford and Sylvia Hole 23-9; Dorothy Pritchard, Caryl Davies, Lynda Wilson and Corrie Bufton 11-13.5. Match score: Cowbridge 39, Kenfig Hill and Pyle 41.25.

In the third game of the week the ladies were away to Millwood in the Thursday afternoon League.

Again, an unusual result in that Cowbridge lost on two of the rinks but a storming performance from Joy Woolford and her team more than compensated, with the biggest away rink win of the season providing victory overall.

Rink scores: Janet Morton, Phyllis Price, Elaine Dobie and Joy Woolford 28-4; Dorothy Pritchard, Sylvia Hole, Lynda Wilson and Shirley Wilkinson 9-21; Diane Lloyd, Corrie Bufton, Kay Edwards and Joan Bradlley 16-20. Match score: Cowbridge 53, Millwood 45. Well done ladies!

The men welcomed Sully Sports to Cowbridge for the midweek Munro Cup game.

It was a one-sided match with Cowbridge having the upper hand on three rinks skipped respectively by Steve Close, Alan Wallace and Bob Penn.

There was a real contest on the rink skipped by Norman Wilkinson who, arguably, was facing the strongest Sully quartet.

Although 8-7 up at one time they were 14-15 down on the 16th end and eventually lost 14-21. Match score: Cowbridge 112, Sully Sports 42.

On Thursday evening Cowbridge revisited Llantwit, this time to compete in the Triples Evening League.

On this occasion there were good battles on all rinks but Llantwit proved the stronger overall, winning two of the four rinks.

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn lost 11-21; Owen Hopkins, Colin Wilson and Roger Barwick lost 13-16; Norman Wilkinson, Ken Payne and Clive Pritchard won 15-13; John Hunt, Bryan Hole and Dennis Snelling won 15-13. Match score: Cowbridge 55, Llantwit Major 63.

Saturday saw Cowbridge men hosts to Rumney Gardens in the Cardiff Municipal League.

Having beaten them at Rumney Cowbridge were keen to do the double.

Dennis Snelling's rink started well, then had a wobble in the middle but held out to win.

Norman Wilkinson's rink were consistent throughout and had a good win. Steve Close's rink had a poor start, clawed their way to lead 23-18 and then lost out at the business end. Bob Penn's rink had a comfortable win.

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd, Ken Payne, Alan Wallace and Steve Close 23-24; Alan Jordan, John Wathes, Clive Pritchard and Dennis Snelling 21-18; Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 26-12; Mansel Davey, John Jones, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn 36-8. Match score: Cowbridge 106, Rumney Gardens 62. A good end to the week!

MB

Griffiths beats Barry 10K field – and the heat!

SWANSEA Harrier Dewi Griffiths won the 'Brecon Carreg Barry Island 10K' race on Sunday, August 5.

He showed no sign of the stress fracture that ruled him out of the World Championships and Commonwealth Games as he led from the start and stormed through the undulating first 5K in 14:44 ahead of Cardiff AAC's Matt Clowes and Welsh teammate Josh Griffiths.

The pair gave chase through Romilly Park and along the Knap beach, but the British international dug deep to hold-off the familiar contenders before a downhill finish.

Griffiths crossed the line in 29:48 ahead of Clowes who came home in 30:27, while Griffiths was another 62 seconds back in third.

Following his win, Griffiths explained: "By the time I got to 7K I was in the hurt locker, but I was fortunate to be able to look back on my experiences in the past where it has hurt and I've been able to hold on.

"I knew if I was hurting, then everyone else was, but those hills hurt in the heat.

"I came here wanting to run under 30 minutes and I've done that so it's a step towards the ultimate goal which is getting back to where I was.

"I missed out on the World Championships and I missed the Commonwealth Games so those goals are there for me, and I want to go to the Olympics in Tokyo."

In the women's race, Bristol AC runner Elsey Davis went head to head with Rachel Felton in a Run 4 Wales 10K series decider.

Davis won at the Brecon Carreg Cardiff Bay Run while Felton took the inaugural ABP Newport Wales 10K title.

Davis earned a lead of 25 seconds at the halfway mark and held-off Felton to take the victory in 34:37, a full minute ahead of her nearest rival.

Welsh 400m legend Iwan Thomas challenged runners to beat him in aid of Wales' leading children's charity Ty Hafan.

A total of 281 runners crossed the finish line before Thomas, earning the Sully-based charity a massive £2,810 from official partners Healthspan.

Thomas said: "It was the hottest but best 10K I have ever done. The scenery was absolutely amazing.

"We raised over £2,000 which is absolutely brilliant; it was a weird one because I didn't mind people beating me because it's for such a great charity, the competitive edge kicked in but I had nothing left!"

The race will return in 2019 so runners are urged to keep an eye out for updates.

TC

Swansea's Dewi Griffiths won the men's race.

Elsey Davis of Bristol AC won the women's race.

Welsh athletics legend Iwan Thomas ran for charity.

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